

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thursday, Mar 6 | NMS Orchestra Concert, 6:00-7:00 pm at North High |
| Mar 7, 10, 11 | 3rd Quarter Common Assessments |
| Tuesday, Mar 11 | End of 3rd Quarter |
| | 7th & 8th Band Concert, 7:00-8:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Mar 12 | Beginning of 4th Quarter |
| Thursday, Mar 13 | 3rd Quarter grades due |
| Friday, Mar 21 | Snow make-up day - School in session |
| Mar 24 - Apr 4 | Iowa Assessments |
| Thursday, Mar 27 | Talent Show, 3:00-5:00 pm, big gym |
| Friday, Mar 28 | Talent Show, 2:00-2:45 pm, big gym |



Daylight Saving Time

Begins at

2:00 am - March 9th

'spring forward' - move clocks ahead to 3:00 am



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From the Library...

Don't forget our **Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair** coming in April! We are finalizing the dates to avoid testing days. Get some bargains for summer reading--this profit goes directly to students in the form of a free item!

Watch our North Middle web site and Facebook page for information on Teen Tech Week March 9-15!

Students are winding up research for English classes this quarter and typing persuasive or problem-solution papers in sixth and seventh grade. Some have used the SIRS and EBSCO databases to find articles to help "argue" their point, or articles from Scholastic news magazines. Eighth grade English and science classes having been writing also, and creating projects (including Prezis) and bibliographies to go with their compound research. At the end of the period, classes have donated rice at this site: www.freerice.com. You can quiz yourself on many topics here! Have your children used **Brain Pop** at home? Try it out! Another fun thing to do is watch the Decorah, Iowa eagle cam! An egg was laid on February 23. Google **Decorah Iowa Eagle Cam** for the web site! We are still promoting many AEA products on the www.iowaonline.org page, including the TrueFlix and BookFlix links. Other resources are only found on our **library web page** because they are provided by our North-west AEA, such as FreedomFlix. In addition, please check out the ebooks purchased by our AEA, accessed through www.mackin.com/via! Pick up our login ID from the library or email Ms. Sweeney: sweenes@live.siouxcityschools.com. Students of all ages can read books simultaneously from this web site, so use your computer, tablet, or device with internet access. To create an account, students should use their login to the computer and their ID number.

Thank you for renewing or bringing your books back on time and paying your fines! Eighth graders will not attend the pay-off party in May unless all fees are paid or worked off in the NMS library.

We will be giving away "striped" prizes in anticipation of **Read Across America Day** and in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday which is March 2nd. As Dr. Seuss once said: **You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.**

Read more at <http://www.brainyquote.com>.

If you like Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, then try...

Spaceheadz
Dragonbreath
Vordak
Max Quigley
Hank Zipper
Milo
Stink
Big Nate
Planet Tad
Oggie Cooder
Beanboy
Timmy Failure
Justin Case
Bad Kitty
Dunderheads
Spud Murphy
Origami Yoda
Popularity Papers
Ellie McDoodle
Frindle
Alvin Ho
My Life as a Book
Geronimo Stilton
Dear Max
Zombie Chasers
Dear Dumb Diary
Frankie Pickle
Just Stupid
How To Train Your Dragon
Middle School books by Patterson
Desmond Puckett
Charlie Joe Jackson
NERDS



Save these for North Middle!

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

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 2nd, so go to the game and support these charities!



CONGRATULATIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to Jazz 1 on their terrific performance at the District Jazz Festival in LeMars on February 17th! Jazz 1 finished in 1st place!

And...CONGRATULATIONS to the following students recognized as Outstanding Solo Award winners: Quinn - alto sax, Jake - alto sax, Aidan - trombone, Sam - trombone and Kari - flugelhorn.

CONGRATULATIONS to the NMS Special Olympics basketball skills team who competed at Dordt College in February. Each participant placed within the top 3 of their divisions! Luis and Christina both took 1st in their divisions and will be going to state competition in March in Iowa City! Ben placed 2nd and Spencer and Dylin placed 3rd in their divisions!

CONGRATULATIONS to Coach Wassell and the North Middle dancers! The team received a superior rating and a trophy from dance competition in February!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 8th grade TAG students who participated in the Toastmasters Speech Contest at Morningside College on January 27th! Elise won 1st place in the persuasive speech contest, Elizabeth tied for 3rd place in the persuasive speech contest, Ciara placed 1st and won the student choice award in the evaluator's contest and Kelli won 1st place in the table topics contest.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 6th grade band students who participated in the 1st annual Strong Foundations Honor Band in January at West Middle School:
Isobel, Froso, Soren,
Montana, Jackson, Colby,
Simonea, Jordan, Gerrit, A J,
Quintin, Nat and Isaac.



FUN FACTS

The camel is sometimes called "the ship of the desert" because of the way it seems to roll as it walks. This rolling motion is caused by the fact that a camel moves both legs on one side of its body at the same time. Then it moves both legs on the other side. The giraffe is another animal that moves that way.