

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1, Thursday	NWAEA Book Bash Competition at Northwest AEA, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
May 1, Thursday	6/7/8 Band Concert, big gym, 7:00-8:30 pm
May 2, Friday	7th Grade STEM Festival at Briar Cliff, 9:00 am - 2:40 pm
May 2, Friday	8th Grade Tolerance Assembly - Phil Gans in the big gym, 2:00 - 2:45 pm
May 3, Saturday	Band Flower Sales pick-up, NMS lunchroom, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
May 5 - 12	Scholastic BOGO Book Fair, Media Center
May 6, Tuesday	8th Grade TAG Art to Joslyn Museum, Omaha
May 6, Tuesday	Orchestra Concert, 7:00-8:00 pm
May 7, Wednesday	7th Grade Math Bee at Morningside College, 8:13 am - 1:00 pm
May 8, Thursday	Choir Concert, 6th Grade at 6:00 pm / 7th Grade at 7:00 pm / 8th Grade at 8:00 pm
May 12, Monday	Student Library materials due
May 15, Thursday	Talent Show Rehearsal, big gym, 2:50 - 5:00 pm
May 16, Friday	Talent Show, big gym, 2:00 - 2:45 pm
May 19 - 21	4th Quarter Common Assessments
May 22, Thursday	Parent meeting for DC trip, media center, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 23, Friday	* LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 1 hour early out * End of 4th quarter * 8th Grade Celebration, big gym, 9:30 am - 11:00 am





8th GRADE HONORS ASSEMBLY/CELEBRATION

Friday, May 23rd

On Friday, May 23rd, the 8th grade students will attend an Honor's Assembly in recognition of their middle school years. It is not a "graduation," but rather a recognition ceremony. This celebration for our 8th grade students will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in the North Middle School gymnasium. It should conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend, if they desire. During the assembly, ALL 8th grade students will be recognized for completing their middle school years. In addition to this recognition, there will be an assortment of individual honors presented. If your child is receiving an individual award, a notification letter will be sent home. At the conclusion of the ceremony, there will be a brief opportunity for photos. Afterwards, parents are asked to leave. Following this, the 8th graders will be treated to pizza, pop and cake served for lunch, a dance in the gymnasium and an opportunity to share memories with fellow classmates in their yearbooks. All students will be dismissed one hour early that day, at 1:45 p.m.

From the Library...



- ◆ We are down to the last month of school! With your help we can keep kids reading and interested in titles that will keep them reading through the summer. Our "late" Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday, May 9. This will be a chance to get some great bargains on books. We plan on closing the fair on the afternoon of May 12.
- ◆ Keep your child reading and eReading all summer! At www.mackinvia.com, your child can read books free online and now there are some audio books to listen to, also! Get the login from us! There are free books at Project Gutenberg and WILBOR Overdrive, choose Sioux City Schools, and use an "s" before your student ID number students! How about this for younger students: Unite for Literacy: books in many languages! If you want to purchase audio books or eReading, remember iTunes, and use the free Kindle app on your device or phone.
- ◆ Read about the "summer slide" by watching these videos: Summer Learning; Today Show Summer Reading; Huffington Post Summer Learning; or see the site: Scholastic Summer. Visit sites like www.freerice.com and sites the teachers recommend, including keyboarding practice sites!
- ◆ Don't forget about the public library this summer! Take your child or children there for a day of reflection, exploring, and learning, and sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Online, visit their web site for ideas about reading and check out their research databases: www.siouxcitylibrary.org.
- ◆ The votes are in! Students in Iowa who read from our Iowa Children's Choice award and Iowa Teen award lists voted and chose *Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyea and *Legend* by Marie Lu. *Divergent* by Veronica Roth won the high school book award. I tell the students to read the book and THEN see the movie! But if they switch it around we are happy, also! We will have a new display next year and will vote again in March.
- ◆ During the last quarter, the library staff has been focusing on online assessments. Currently, the 8th grade English students are studying social issues topics using the SIRS database. We will also be working on a copyright lesson with the technology classes. Poetry is a focus for Language Arts and Reading classes in April and May.
- ◆ We take many requests for books and use our Barnes and Noble credit, fine monies and budget dollars to constantly upgrade our collection. The wish lists get very long though! Thanks to our helpers this year who help process the books, Becky Trout, Karen Gleeson and Ann Bradshaw!
- ◆ All fines should be paid now!! Eighth graders will not be able to attend the end-of-year celebration if they have lost items from the library, or lost textbooks. All books are due May 12! Students receive email reminders from us or from their TA teacher. Thank you for your help with fines and getting books back on time. Student may not work off lost books after May 9, only late fees.
- ◆ Keep up this summer by clicking "like our Facebook page" on the North Middle Website, or the North Middle library web site. Thanks Mr. Henn for your work on the Facebook page! Questions? Email me sweenes@live.siouxcityschools.com

Save these for North Middle! All Hy-Vee receipts should have been turned in by April 29. We do not save receipts from May 1-August 14. August 15 will start a new collection year. Old receipts cannot be accepted next year. We receive \$1 for every \$100 in receipts. Please save BoxTops, Tyson A+ labels and pop tabs also-- thank you!

HARVEST MAGAZINE

This publication highlights some of the best writing and art work of students in the Northwest AEA.

Congratulations to these students whose artwork has been accepted for publication in the Harvest Magazine.

Kaitlin Palmersheim
Tabitha Raulston
Alicia Sanchez
Christine Ly
Ericka Ruiz

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to these students who were chosen by a panel of readers to have their writing published in the Harvest Magazine.

Montana Allyn
Sonia Cardona
Katie Gowen
Hailey Hoogers
Kate Johnson
Stephanie Warnstadt

Washington, D.C. Trip • May 31 - June 2

There will be a final parent meeting for the parents of students going on the Washington D.C. trip with Mr. Sitzmann. We will go over what to bring, when to meet, rooming, answering questions from students and parents, and our proposed itinerary. It is essential that all parents attend, or contact Mr. Sitzmann to make sure everyone is well informed.

The meeting will be Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the North Middle Media Center.

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

L. Frank Baum made up stories to tell neighborhood children. When he was telling one story, the children asked him to make up a name for the place where the story took place. Baum spotted his file cabinets labeled A–N and O–Z. Maybe you know his story called *The Wizard of Oz*?

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