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High School/Middle School.....\$3.00

W.S. Stinson/NW Primary\$2.70

Milk.....\$.50

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Superintendent's Message



Hello to everyone in the Northwest Community!

As we near the completion of the first quarter, I believe we have had an excellent start to the school year! I have had the opportunity to see first-hand our teachers leading our students in class.

Even with our great start to the school year, we have faced obstacles. We began the year still working through the problems that COVID too often presents. We maintained sanitizing the classrooms daily, and we worked to keep our students socially distant from each other. We started the school year with masks being recommended but not required. As many of you know, we have had to adapt to keep our doors open and to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe. With an outbreak of COVID in our first two weeks, we made the decision to require masks for everyone. Students at the High School and Middle School could opt out. Even with the opt-out opportunity, most of our students at the High School and Middle School have chosen to keep wearing the masks. We are evaluating our situation daily and will continue to make adjustments.

More important than fighting COVID, we have excellent things happening at school. Our STEM program has launched. The students involved are being challenged and they love their classes. The High School Band has been amazing. If you attend our football games on Friday nights, you have witnessed our band playing at half-time and it has been a joy to watch. Our sports programs are doing well. I attended our cross-country invitational to

watch our students run against many other schools. It was a huge success! These programs are possible because the district runs an effective and efficient day-to-day operational budget. As most of you know, we will maintain strong fiscal management practices that have put our finances in a stable operational outlook for the next several years. This is important as we continue to look at leveraging educational offerings for students in a fiscally responsible manner.

We have had an excellent start for our students even with our current obstacles, and this is largely due to the support of the community. We consider our parents, business leaders, and local residents to be our partners. The community relationships complement the work our exceptional teachers are doing in the classroom. Without the kindness and support from our parents and community leaders, we could not have had such a smooth start to the school year.

Our district is very active on social media, including Twitter and Facebook. Search for me on Twitter @Shawn Michael Braman to join the conversation and learn about the tremendous learning opportunities that are happening in classrooms throughout the district every day.

Reach me on my cell phone anytime you have questions or concerns at 330-573-9024.

We have had an excellent start to the school year. I am very proud and thankful to be a part of the school district and the community. We are back to business in getting our children prepared for their next steps in learning, and I couldn't be happier.

Sincerely,

Shawn Braman, Ed.D.

Canal Fulton Public Library Calendar of Events

154 Market St. East, Canal Fulton



Food 4 Fines will start October 1 and run through December 31. We're raising the limit of items that people can donate that count towards their fines from 10 up to 25 (still \$1 per item donated will count toward the fine). Items that you wish to donate and have counted toward your fine must be unexpired, unopened, and non-perishable.

COVID-19 rapid testing kits are available at the library. They are free to the public. Come on in and ask about one today!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS. Check our newsletter or online calendar for more information.

Fall Story Times: Sign up now at the Children's desk or call 330-854-4148.

- **Tots and Tales:** Baby story time every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.
- **Feed Me a Story:** Preschool story time every Wednesday at 11 a.m.
- **Weekly School Age Specials:** Every Thursday at 6 p.m.
- **Family Story Time:** Once a Month in the evening for everyone up to age 12.
- **Family Special:** Special program once a month at 5:30 p.m. for everyone up to age 12.

Teen Programs & Adult Programs: Please check our newsletter, Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, or webpage: www.canalfultonlibrary.org/events, or contact the Information Services department for additional information about Teen Programs and Adult Programs.

Book Discussion: Our Book Discussion group meets the third Tuesday of each month (except December and January). Copies of the books will be at the circulation desk. Please check the most current newsletter or contact the Information Services department.



Curriculum News

Northwest 2021 District State Report Card

Northwest Local Schools will receive an Ohio School Report Card for the 2020-21 school year in late September. However, the report card will look different due to the short-term changes in Ohio law and the accountability waiver approved by the U.S. Department of Education due to the pandemic. This year the report card will focus on all available data for recovery and improvement planning to close any identified learning gaps.

The report card will not have assigned letter grades or rankings. Data will be included in the following sections: achievement, gap closing, improving at-risk reading, graduation rates, prepare for success, district details, financial data, and opportunity to learn.

A copy of Northwest's abbreviated report card will be located on the district's webpage under the Academics Menu on the District Report Card page. If you have questions regarding the district's state report card, please contact the district's Central Office at (330) 854.2291.

Social Emotional Learning

The Ohio State Board of Education adopted social-emotional learning standards in June of 2019. The standards are meant to be integrated into the regular daily activities in school. Social-emotional learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Research has shown that students who receive support for social and emotional learning in schools do better academically, socially, and behaviorally.

Our district has begun the process of implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) in each of our school buildings. PBIS focuses on teaching appropriate behavior, intervening early when unwanted behaviors escalate, and using research-based interventions to de-escalate behaviors and monitor student progress. In addition, we have purchased the MindWise Signs of Suicide (SOS) curriculum for middle school and high school students. The SOS program is an evidence-based youth suicide prevention program which teaches students to identify signs of depression and suicide in themselves and their peers and seek help from a trusted adult. Our middle school and high school students will participate in the SOS training during the month of October. Additional information will be provided to parents and students prior to the SOS training.

New Faces

High School



Lauren Bednarczyk
Long-Term Sub
Social Studies



Megan Brady
Spanish



Mack Ferrell
Social Studies



Stephen Imler
Instrumental
Music



Chad Pittman
Vocal Music

Middle School



Victoria Shepard
Science



Linda Sutherland
Business



Amber Clark
Math (7th)



Bryan Jones
Science (7th)



Alexis Ropchock
ELA (6th)

W.S. Stinson Elementary



Donnie Macko
Grade 4

District



Molly Miller
Speech and
Language
Pathologist

Northwest Primary



Angela Ellis
Physical
Education



Julie Fairless
Music



Jaqueline Just
Grade 2



Jodie Holloway
Title I Tutor



Jill Repko
Kindergarten



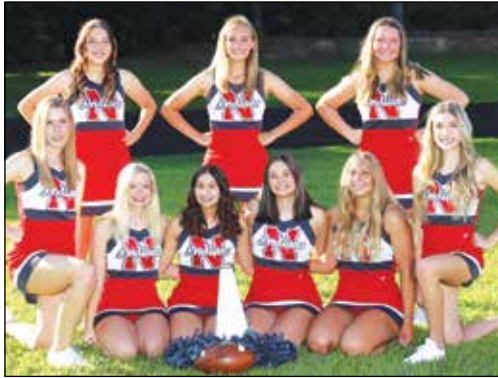
**Remember to stop for buses
to keep our children safe!
Northwest Schools are still
looking for drivers.
If interested, contact
Deanna Gesaman,
Transportation Supervisor, at
330-854-3301.**



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Fall Sports



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Front Row: Katie Popovic, Rileigh Schreffler, Charity Evans, Mercedes Carnifax, Emma Barnes, Kylee Cottrill; Back Row: Alexia Clark, Kamryn Golden, Ava Meredith. (not pictured): Kaitlyn Lean, Head Coach, and Abby Cundiff, Assistant Coach



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Front Row: Kaylee Turley, Faith Porter, Kaylynn Schaub; Middle Row: Madison Boone, Aubrey Gilson, Alaina Gramse-Halpin, Jayla Skelley; Back Row: Evelyn Wade, Kiki Natko, Courtney Powers, Alyssa Faris, Faith Porter.



MAJORETTES Front Row: Alexis Pitsch, Rachel Deininger; Middle Row: Cassie Davis, Davinee Rohr, Gracie Huth; Back Row: Alex Freidrichson, Brianna Easterling.



FOOTBALL Front Row: Khloe Dagnen (trainer), Layloni Thornton (trainer), Mason Kunkle, Alexander Prexta, Brigham Hunter, Zachary Kurz, Brandon Macko, Hunter Harbough, Connor Ramsey, Jason Greenfield, Aiden Barna, Brady Simone, Ella Meeks (trainer); Row 2: Luke Greenfield, Jerry Plumb, Joshua Faris, Reed Pritchard, Logan Soptolean, Christopher Reynolds, James Cunningham, Logan West, Maxwell Woods, Austin Wright, Cody Workinger, Travis Barcheck; Row 3: Ethan Nickey, Noah Harper, Isaac LaFay, Carter Magyarics, Caden Beichler, Riley Plotner, Caden Skinner, Owen Reinford; Row 4: Joseph Prexta, Carter Daily, Cody Tackett, Connor Satterfield, Kyler Miraglia, Gage Price, Ian Smaglinski, Chad Griffith, Mathew VonBonin, Christopher Wenhart; Row 5: Parker Kraft, Chase Badger, Luke Soptolean, Landen Cross, Dylan White, Kaden Rohr, Jacob Coleman, Deaglan Crawford; Row 6: Benjamin Keith, Samuel Cook, Dominic Rohr, Brady Finn, Bradley Garber, Carsen Nickey, Sean Ritchey. Coaches: James Shiplet, Chad White, Al Chukka, Mike Juersivich, John DeMarco, Todd Barkin, Kevin Stacy, Travis Stroh.



MARCHING INDIANS Front Row: Kaylee Blowers, Riley Hollwager, Jessica Siegenthaler, Anna Metzger, Gracelyn DeGraw, Mary Paydock, Grace Popovic, Salma Abueteen, Mallory Kovachic, Emily Villers, Angelena Wengerd, Adrian Conroy; Row 2: Ben Ricker, Dominic Nichols, Trey Hutzell, Olivia Ellis, Katlin Hall, Robyn Rowles, Rose Derry, Ellie Grinder, Jess Aneshansel, Madison Garside, Mary VanBlargan, Charolette Knicely, Madison Zellers, Andrea Rohn, Madison Dawson; Row 3: Wesley Weygandt, John Derry, Lydia Woodward, Carson Fox, Peter VanBlargan, Ethan Herald, Kendall Carpenter, William Campbell, Jack Downs, September Forbis, Lana Storensia, Tamia Clark-Ackers, Kari Huber, Evan Pedani; Back Row: Jeff Weygandt, Director Stephen Imler, Davinee Rohr, Brianna Easterling, Gracie Huth, Cassie Davis, Alexis Pitsch, Rachel Deininger, Alex Freidrichson, Assistant Director Kim Good, Julie McLaughlin.



CROSS COUNTRY Front Row: Jacob Markar, Dylan Easterling, Mario Zito, James Newton, Andrew Micklos; Row 2: Emma Weaver, Lucie Doubet, Abbigale Zantow, Tamia Clark-Akers, Candace Doubet, Kathryn Pandrea, Eleanor Grinder, Andrea Rohn, Gracelyn DeGraw; Back Row: Coach Bryan Jones, Camille Fowler, Olivia Ellis, Taylor Fightmaster, Megan Swogger, Anna Nicholson, Madison Smith, Emma Campbell, Anika Okolish, Bayleigh Lower, Coach Brian Armstrong.



BOYS GOLF: Tate Miller, James McGuire, Josh Smith, Luke Schwendiman, Mason Carmany, John Derry, Brandon Anderson, Caleb Hyrne, Zachary Huscusson, Christian Markus, Coleston Poland.



GIRLS GOLF: Jessica Cliff, Anna Everhart, Bella Ortega, Sadie Villers, Laura Caniglia, Lacey Bibbee.



VOLLEYBALL Front Row: Madison Kopervic, Callie Baughman, Audrey Hall, Kendall Lower, Evey Cooper; Row 2: Megan Billman,Oliva Jeffers, Emily Donaldson, Delaney Carmany, Brianna Plotner, Olivia Lazarus, Kelsi Defrank. Row 3: Anna Thompson Rachel Shoemaker, Kate Cunningham, Gianna Kuhn, Sydney Aman,Kaitlyn Steiner; Back Row: Abbie Swaino, Brooklyn Sullivan, Ashley Cudnik, Carly Spradling, Lilly Bottomley, Lexi Lamb, Natalie Perin, Kimee Stemple, Coach Megan Levengood.



BOYS SOCCER Front Row: Andrew Micklos, Nathaniel Amiot, Dylan Lorenz, Jackson Gohlike, Jack Downs, Trevor Pitsch, Anderson Mccoy, Ryan Wilson, Ayden Albright; Row 2: Coach Kyle Osborne, Garrett Baughman, Jacob Metzger, Evan Schmeltzer, Mikael Paulson, Gavin Laudermilk, James Techau, Joshua Baker, Coach Dave Cooper.



GIRLS SOCCER Front Row: Alexis Decker, Kendall Demchock, Peyton Harter, Kathy Thouvenin, Jayla Smith, Caitlynn Edwards; Row 2: Lauren Tarle, Peyton Stark, Emily Thouvenin, Abby Zantow, Allison Spencer, Paige Owsiany, Ashlyn Stark, Gwendolyn Lower, Brooke Snelick, Camren Curnutte, Kianna Natko; Back Row: Coach Scot Etling, Alexis Wayts, Maddie Metzger, Natalie Byler, Samantha Kaufman, Sophia Snyder, Libby Reese, Abigail Ross, Coach Madison Ross.



On August 21, **Paige Owsiany** surpassed the Northwest High School Girls Soccer career-saves record making her 512th save during their game against Smithville. The record was previously held by Lisa Fox 1997-00. Congratulations, Paige!

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Northwest Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Marvin Hardgrove

Mr. Hardgrove has a storied history and has long been an integral part of our community. Graduating in 1955, he was a member of the first class to graduate from Northwest High School. A 2-Sport athlete, Marvin played both football and baseball. He scored the first touchdown in Northwest history in 1954. He played both linebacker and offensive and defensive end, and he was the first All-County football player in school history. After graduation, Marvin furthered his education at Kent State University where he played for the Golden Flashes.



One of his favorite school memories goes back to when he was just 10 years old. The band director, Mr. Emil Puffenberger (the namesake of Puffenberger Auditorium at the high school), needed more musicians for the high school band, so he recruited some young musicians to join the marching band. Marvin and his classmates were then invited to perform at the halftime show for a Cleveland Browns game. He recalls the total thrill of performing and sitting along the sidelines to watch the game and view some future pro football hall of famers. He still counts that day as one of the highlights of his life!

Mr. Hardgrove went on to become a pillar of our community building custom homes throughout our area for over 40 years. He also served as a Lawrence Township trustee for over 20 years contributing to business growth and expansion of the Canal Fulton area.

Sincerest congratulations to Mr. Marvin Hardgrove on a life well-lived and the newest member of the Northwest Athletic Hall of Fame.

Northwest Alumnus Justin Lower to Join PGA Tour



Congratulations to Justin Lower who earned his first PGA Tour Card!

A graduate of Northwest (Class of 2007) and Malone University, Lower was once a "regular" at the Lyons Den. Now an 11-year pro, he has spent six seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour chasing his PGA dream. Remarkably, it came down to the 18th hole of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, a de ja vu of 2018 when he narrowly missed his chance with his last shot. Lower is extremely thankful for the opportunity and believes that his golf journey is just getting started.

Congratulations, Justin! Your hometown is proud!



Northwest High School



L to R: **Paige Owsiany, Alivia Nair, Brady Aneshansel, Alex Prexta.**
(Not pictured: Zach Kurz).

Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates

Deemed "A week to shape a lifetime," Buckeye Boys and Buckeye Girls State programs have been shaping lives since 1936. Each year, select junior girls and boys earn the high honor of being selected to participate in the eight-day, hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic government. This year, Buckeye Boys State was held June 13-20 at Miami University. Girls State was held June 13-19 at Mount Union. Joining students from nearly 600 Ohio high schools, these Northwest students expanded their leadership skills; learned about city, county, and state government; experienced living on a college campus; and formed friendships and networks that may last a lifetime. Each year, Northwest students are generously sponsored by the American Legion, Massillon Post No. 221.

High School Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 6 Jostens Orders: sophomores
- 7 Blood Drive
- 9 Homecoming Dance
- 11 Teacher In-Service—**NO SCHOOL**
- 13 Jostens Orders: Caps & Gowns; Class Rings
- 20 Flu Shot Clinic
- 22 *End of the 1st Grading Period*
- 23 ACT
- 25 Picture Retake Day
- 28 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 6:30 PM
- 29 Report Cards

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day Assembly
- 24-29 Thanksgiving Break—**NO SCHOOL**

DECEMBER

- 2 Parent/Teacher Conf. & CCP Information Night .. 2:30-7:30 PM
- 12 Choir Concert 4 PM
- 16 Symphonic Band Concert 7 PM
- 20-31 Christmas Break—**NO SCHOOL**

Congratulations Students of the Month

The “Show Up” Committee at NHS is starting Student of the Month where one student from each grade will be selected monthly. Each month will hold a different theme. Students selected will be featured on the NHS Instagram, Mr. Tausch’s Twitter, *The Northwest News*, and the bulletin board in the Commons, along with being given a premium parking spot and a cafe card for four free drinks at the Cafe.

Congratulations to the “Principled” *Students of the Month* for September:



Joshua Smith
Freshman



Jacob Coleman
Sophomore



Rainey Duncan
Junior



Emily Crookston
Senior

“Principled” students demonstrate integrity, honesty, fairness, and justice. They show respect for the dignity and rights of all people and take responsibility for their actions and their consequences.



Senior Sunrise



The Class of 2022 gathered to celebrate the “dawn” of their senior year on August 27. They enjoyed a beautiful sunrise and shared a breakfast generously donated by Canal Fulton McDonald’s. They will close their year with a Senior Sunset event, but until then, we wish them happiness and success in the many schooldays in between!



2021 Staff Retreat

Nothing kicks off a new school year like a Friday the 13th Staff Retreat at All-American Axe Throwing. The high school teachers worked on further incorporating literacy in the classroom and PBIS training. Following a day of meetings and training, they gathered to socialize and, of course, throw axes!



45 CLUBS and Counting...

We are happy to announce that Northwest High School is offering 45 different clubs to our students this year. In our efforts to reach our goal of 100% student participation in an extracurricular, co-curricular, or a club, we have a plethora of clubs from which the students can choose. Clubs meet during Advisory Period so students can get involved during the school day.

We have Science Club, Art Club, Yoga, Card Club, Book Club, Board Game Club, Speech & Debate, Academic Challenge, and Intramurals just to name a few. We have also added new this year Knitting Club, Nutrition & Wellness, and Adulting 101. Adulting 101 is a club where the students will be learning life skills, such as changing a tire, sewing on a button, learning basic cooking skills, and making minor repairs around the house.

Studies show that students who are involved in their high school are more likely to identify themselves as happy because they are actively connecting with people, interacting with individuals from different social groups, sharing similar interests, and forming long-lasting friendships. Joining a club also helps students to develop positive relationships with teachers. Getting involved is a win-win for everyone!

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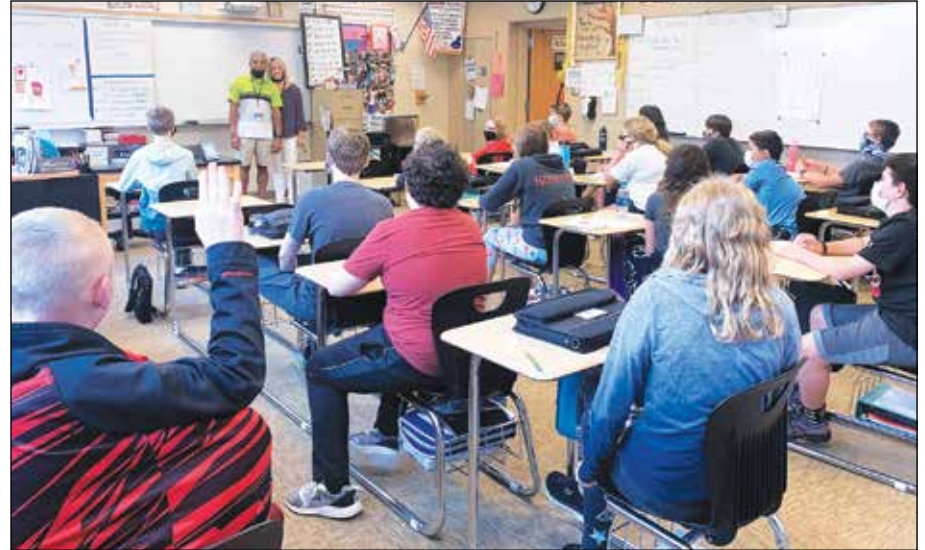
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Northwest Middle School

Legacy Project of Stark Coming to NMS



Northwest Middle School is excited to begin its new partnership with The Legacy Project of Stark. This year NMS will be one of sixteen Stark County Schools participating in The Legacy Project. The program has reached over 3,500 students since its inception in 2015. The project's ultimate goal is to make a positive impact on students so they can, in turn, make a positive impact on their families and community. All of this will be accomplished during students' lunch periods in small groups of four to six students. These "impact" groups give students the opportunity to form positive, quality relationships with adults from their community. At its core, "**Mentorship matters** because relational support is the catalytic force that helps young people develop to their fullest potential." Thanks to our mentor volunteers and to the team at Legacy Stark!



A Familiar Face in the Community Shares his Personal Story

On September 14, Doogs (Durgesh) Parbhoo spoke to Mrs. Thompson's Enriched 7 ELA class. Doogs, the owner and manager of the Minit Mart on Locust Street, is an immigrant who was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. While in South Africa, he faced a high level of racial discrimination during the Apartheid, leading to his emigration to the United States.

Doogs Parbhoo was excited to share his story with the students. The class was focused and had many questions ready for Doogs. With a remarkable attitude, he was able to talk about sad, upsetting, or angering parts of his life. The students were moved by his story as they gained real insight into the harm caused by the Apartheid. Doogs' experience opened the eyes and hearts of the students to the world around them. His passion for work is admirable, and he truly exemplifies overcoming obstacles and working hard for future success.



Sixth Grade Students Create Visuals

Sixth-grade language arts students just completed a group project to wrap up their unit on their summer reading novel, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. After reviewing the novel and learning the different elements of a story, students grouped up and designed their own plot posters to demonstrate their learning. Each member of the group took on one part of the story, summarizing his or her reading on a paper hatchet. The group members worked collaboratively to design their own poster to show scenes from the novel. The students then voted for their favorite poster from each class for a prize. Nice job, sixth graders!



Fundraiser Raffle Set to Begin!

Beginning on October 1, students will be asked to participate in our only all-school fundraiser. This year we bring back our most popular fundraiser ever, the middle school ticket raffle. Money raised through this fundraiser will be used to support programming in our classrooms. We will raffle off a portion of all donated money to three lucky \$500 winners. All students will be given five raffle tickets to sell initially, but they can sell more if they would like. Those who donate will be asked to include their name and contact information. Prizes will be awarded to students who sell the winning tickets and to those who sell the most tickets. **Winners will be drawn on Thursday, October 14.** Thanks in advance for your donations, and good luck to all our supporters!

Middle School Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

7	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	2:40-7:40 PM
11	Teacher In-Service— NO SCHOOL	
14	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	2:40-7:40 PM
22	<i>End of the 1st Grading Period</i>	
29	Report Cards	

NOVEMBER

4-6	Eighth Grade Washington DC Trip
12-13	MS Fall Play
24-29	Thanksgiving Break— NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

9	MS Choir Christmas Concert
14	MS Band Christmas Concert
20-31	Christmas Break— NO SCHOOL

W.S. Stinson Elementary

PBIS

In August of 2018 Ohio enacted the Supporting Alternatives for Fair Education (SAFE) Act, House Bill 318.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is a framework that guides districts and schools in developing policies and practices that proactively define, teach, and support appropriate behavior. PBIS suggests a shift in thinking about behavior and discipline. Rather than telling students what NOT to do, emphasis is placed on teaching students what TO do. Schools implementing PBIS actively teach behavioral expectations across all environments, promote positive behavior through encouragement and reinforcement, and provide correction of inappropriate behavior through prompting, re-teaching, and providing opportunities to correct behavior. PBIS creates consistent, predictable learning environments that increase positive behavior and academic outcomes for each student.

At Stinson, we have spent a lot of time teaching students behavioral expectations, focusing on positive behavior, and creating an all-inclusive school climate where all students can be successful. As part of our COUNT ON ME culture, we have tasked teachers and students to focus on specific character traits each month.

August: Safety, September: Respect, October: Responsibility, November: Gratitude, December: Honesty/Trustworthiness, January: Tolerance, February: Caring/Kind, March: Citizenship, April: Perseverance, and May: Cooperation/Teamwork. Each month classroom teachers will build that particular trait into their lessons and create specific classroom activities to reinforce the trait. Students will be recognized “on the spot” for displaying positive choices, and every Wednesday a student from each classroom will be recognized for displaying that month’s positive trait. The first Tuesday of each month is our COUNT ON ME day for students and staff to continue to celebrate and learn about how they can be counted on to show positive behavior.



You might be asking yourself; how can I help support positive behavior at home? Here are three steps families can take to support positive behavior in school: 1) Talk with your child about how you expect him or her to behave at school. 2) Ask your child about what they are learning in regarding to the monthly trait. 3) Reinforce that monthly trait at home by recognizing your child for displaying positive behavior.

New Student Orientation

To welcome new students into our school and help put those “new student” worries to rest, Stinson counselor, Marcy McKendry, hosted a New Student Orientation for any student transferring from another school to Stinson prior to the beginning of the school year.

Her goal was to give the students an opportunity to meet some friendly faces, learn about our school, get to know other students in the same boat, and hopefully ease some anxieties that may come with being the new kid.

The orientation included a getting to know you session, learning about Stinson, and touring the school; it ended with a scavenger hunt.

Aubrey Murphy, a transfer from Barberton, said, “The orientation helped me feel comfortable my first day. My favorite part of the day was meeting everyone.”

In addition to the new student orientation, school Counselor McKendry eats lunch with all new students those first few weeks back to check on their transition.

Stinson Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 11 Teacher In-Service—**NO SCHOOL**
- 22 *End of the 1st Grading Period*
- 25-29 Character Counts Week
- 29 Report Cards

NOVEMBER

- 2-3 Third Grade ELA State Assessments
- 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences..... 3:30-7:30 PM
- 24-29 Thanksgiving Break—**NO SCHOOL**

DECEMBER

- 20-31 Christmas Break—**NO SCHOOL**

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Critters Make Reading Fun and Cozy

Mrs. Leach's kindergarten class, "Camp K," held a Camp Critter Adoption to adopt a Book Buddy. Students promised to read to their Book Buddy for 15 minutes every night. The Camp Critters were donated by a family who purchased them from Keillor's Teddy Bear Shoppe in town.



Grandparents and VIP Day

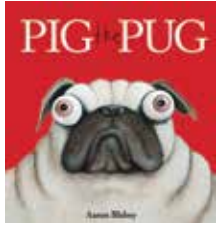
On September 14-16, students proudly welcomed their grandparents and VIPs to Northwest Primary. Students and their guests visited classrooms, listened to a story, and shared donuts that they decorated themselves! Students had an opportunity to interview their grandparents and VIPs about what life was like when they were growing up.

A special thank you to Peace, Love, and Little Donuts, the NWP staff and PTO, and to our guest readers: Mayor Shultz, Dr. Braman, and Deb Messner.



NWP Reads!

The Northwest Primary Reading Club started the week of September 17. Our theme this year is **Pig the Pug**. Our goals are to promote family reading time, encourage visits to the Canal Fulton Public Library, and instill the love of reading.



Students received reading logs. Those who meet monthly reading goals will receive reading charms, and those who reach their year-end goal will receive the official reading club t-shirt (awarded for reading 2,400 minutes).

The entire school will be reading with the hope of reaching the goal of **1,400,000 minutes**. If the goal is reached, Dr. LaRiccía will wear a **Pig the Pug** costume on the last day of school. Classroom totals will be displayed on the bulletin board outside the library.



Northwest Primary is Full of Superheroes in Training!

On August 27, Northwest Primary students came together for an assembly to kick off a new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Program, commonly referred to as PBIS. Superhero behavior starts with **being safe**, **being respectful**, and **being responsible**! With the help of the Northwest Singers, the students enjoyed interactive and engaging skits that reinforced the school-wide positive behavior expectations. Dr. LaRiccía and Iggy made a special video about our Hero Headquarters School Store where students can shop with their earned PBIS Bucks.

Community donation for our school rewards store would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Mrs. Jennie Shelton at shelton.j@northwest.sparcc.org to learn how to help.

Northwest Primary Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 7 1st Grade Dinner with Dad 6:00 PM
- 8 Fall Party Day
- 11 Teacher In-Service—**NO SCHOOL**
- 22 *End of the 1st Grading Period*

NOVEMBER

- 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-7:45 PM
- 11 Veterans Appreciation Day 10:00 AM
- 24-29 Thanksgiving Break—**NO SCHOOL**

DECEMBER

- 17 Christmas Parties
- 20-31 Christmas Break—**NO SCHOOL**