



Northridge Local School District Newsletter

The Future Is Bright for Northridge School District

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The weather was perfect as the class of 2021 participated in their graduation ceremony held at the Hartford Fairgrounds. Having graduation outside at the fairgrounds was only one of many changes and challenges our students faced this year. The resilience, perseverance, and flexibility that not only our graduates but all of our students, staff, and parents exhibited this year was nothing short of amazing. It seemed as though the collective excitement and celebration of the entire student body and staff was expressed during Graduation. We also honored Peggy Campbell and Karen Hamilton for their many years of teaching service to Northridge and wished them well for the adventures that await them during retirement. The 2021 graduating students were the first class to all attend Northridge Primary as a kindergarten group, and it seems fitting that they wrapped up their schooling at Northridge as the current staff and students at the Primary were wrapping up and honoring an end of an era. As we continue to enjoy the summer, we also look forward to August – to gathering together, learning together, and seeing everyone's smiling faces. August is also when we'll welcome the first-ever class of Kindergarten students to the new Northridge Elementary. The future is bright for our recent graduates as well as our district. It was and is a great day to be a Viking! ☘



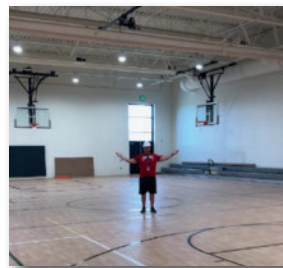
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Construction Winds Down and Ramps Up!

As the school year came to a close, the staff had an opportunity to check out the progress being made at the new elementary. Construction of the new elementary is wrapping up. Sidewalks and pavement are going down, and finishing touches on the interior of the building are being completed. Furniture is expected to arrive in early July, and we look forward to having the community join us for a dedication ceremony on Thursday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm. As the elementary project reaches completion, the work is just starting in our middle school and high school. Part of our campaign promise was to provide important safety updates to our high school and middle school, and that is exactly what is happening this summer. When the new school year starts, we will have all new exterior doors, new video surveillance cameras, as well as secured entrances that will require all visitors to enter directly to the office. These combined efforts will not only increase the safety of our students but also improve the functionality of the building. ⬤



Northridge Elementary School teachers recently toured the new school. They are excited to teach in their new classrooms and explore the new facility. Tours to the public will be offered soon.



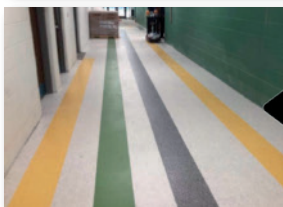
Windows in every classroom allow for more natural light around the entire school and views of nature.



A natural theme of colors mixed with our Northridge green are found throughout the school. The stage will be used for music class and school performances.



Built-in storage and cubbies for organization and personal belongings.



Color markings on the floor lead to each grade level in the school.



New exterior doors, video surveillance cameras and better secured entrances are being installed at the middle and high school.

Viking Community Newsletter

Four Senior Athletes Awarded Scholarships

A MESSAGE FROM NORTHRIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

For the second year in a row, the Northridge Athletic Boosters added another scholarship for graduating senior student-athletes. In 2020 the Boosters selected the first recipient of the Bob and Nancy Crist Award and this year, the first Athletic Boosters/Caleb “The Dude” Cooperrider Scholarship was given. These two scholarships join two others, the Butch Davison Award and the Ross Meyer Award, for which students are able



Adam Ulery (Wayne Howard Spirit of Sports Scholarship), Lauren Aamodt (Butch Davison Award), Tarrah BeVier (Athletic Boosters/Caleb “The Dude” Cooperrider Scholarship), Clayton Laslo (Ross Meyer Award), not pictured Olyvia Ashbrook (Bob and Nancy Crist Award).

to apply. The Wayne Howard Spirit of Sports Scholarship is a coach-nominated award. “We are very proud of increasing scholarship opportunities for Northridge student-athletes,” commented Andy Kalas, Athletic Booster President. “We are currently in the middle of a membership drive for the next academic year and these scholarships are one great example of how membership dollars are spent – with a direct and immediate impact on our graduates.” In other end-of-the year activities, the Boosters also helped to organize the 4.0 Senior Scholars/Teacher event at Top Golf and are currently working to streamline the menu for the upcoming Hartford Fair Booth. Kicking off the new academic year, the Boosters will host an event on Saturday, September 4th at the Hartford Fairgrounds – more details to be released soon. To join the Boosters contact Kate Isler at 614.214.0804 or message the officers through the Northridge Athletic Boosters Facebook page. ☼

Alexandria Farewell Open House Was Walk to Remember

On Thursday, May 20th, 2021, the community gathered to walk the halls of the Alexandria Primary building to view the classrooms and walls one last time before the end of the school year. The students will be moving to the new Northridge Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. Students, teachers and friends took the walk to remember the history of the Alexandria building that has over the many years housed kindergarten through 12th grade. As promised during the campaign for the new elementary school, Northridge School district has budgeted money to demolish the Alexandria building while remaining open to any financially viable plans from the community to re-purpose the building. We are excited about the future, but will always honor the past. ☼



Generations of students, teachers and friends gather to walk the halls of the Alexandria Primary Building.



Class of 2021 Spotlight



18% of the class of 2021 graduated with a GPA of 4.0 or above.



22% of the class of 2021 added vocational training to their high school experience by completing a program at C-TEC.



60% of the class of 2021 participated in the College Credit Plus Program earning college credit. Two students actually earned an associate's degree while completing high school.



29% of the class of 2021 plans to enter the workforce in careers related to the construction industry, service industry, health care providers, and artistic and entrepreneurial endeavors.



62% of the class of 2021 plan to attend college in the fall.



9% of the class of 2021 are currently in various stages of enlistment with the US Military.



100% of the class of 2021 survived a global pandemic!



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Northridge Teachers Go Above and Beyond

Middle school STEM and technology teacher, Laura Roberts, was asked to be a Code.org Ambassador for Battelle. She wrote a letter that is featured in the latest blog for the Ohio STEM Learning Network and gets to connect with teachers and administrators from our region to encourage Computer Science in their schools and to share her experience. In the blog she shared a story, "a student came to me almost at the close of the course and told me that his family had just purchased some new farming equipment. You see, our school is very agricultural based, and this student was very much enriched in this world. I was intrigued by him sharing the new purchase with me and I knew how much it meant to him to talk about it. As the conversation unfolded, he then told me that the new farming equipment came with a program that allowed a farmer to plot out their field and program the equipment to do the planting. The student was so excited because he had learned fundamental aspects of coding that allowed him to understand the new farming equipment and be able to share that with his family so that they could prepare for planting season without delaying the process." Besides encouraging computer science in the classroom, Mrs. Roberts is outside on Fridays to encourage smiles. ☺



Congratulations to Miss Kayla Howard, Intervention Specialist at Northridge Primary for winning the "You Make a Difference Award" for 2021! Each year, Coughlin Automotive Group honors a teacher in each of Licking County's nine public school districts. Students and parents in each district were asked to nominate a deserving educator. Families from Ms. Howard's class nominated her and said such things as, "Ms. Howard has the patience, understanding and knowledge to draw out the knowledge in the kids. She is my son's biggest supporter, and I can tell she only wants what is best for him. She genuinely cares about her students and her ability to sense even a nonverbal child's sensory and educational needs is downright amazing." Our students and staff are blessed to have Miss Howard on staff at Northridge! ☺

