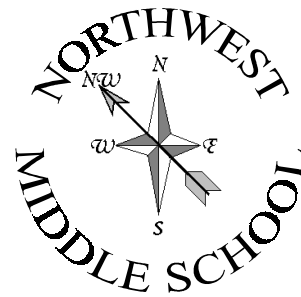
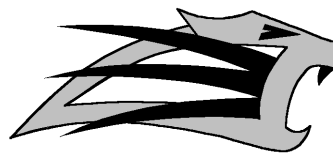


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The Northwest Middle School Band Scores a Superior Rating

The Northwest Middle School Band scored a Superior Rating at the 2005 State Concert Festival held at Boiling Springs Junior High on March 31st. A Superior Rating is the highest rating given by a team of five professional adjudicators. Thirty-Five Junior High and Middle School bands participated in the three day event. Bands were judged on several musicianship captions during their performances of three concert selections and two sightreading selections.

The Northwest Middle School Festival Band performed Bandology by Eric Osterling, Dorian Rhapsody by Elliot Del Borgo, and Fanfare Prelude on Ode to Joy by Ludwig Van Beethoven (arr. by Jim Curnow).

All the band and strings students will be performing Monday, May 16th in the fourth annual outdoor "Outback Concert". The concert is FREE! Barbecue tickets will go on sale April 25th. Plan to attend!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2005
15 NO SCHOOL
19 Band Night
28 Interim Progress Reports
May 2005
11-13 PACT Testing
16 Outback Concert
16-18 PACT Testing
27 Half Day Attendance
30 Memorial Day - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
31 Half Day Attendance
June 2005
1 Half Day Attendance
7 Report Cards

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All A Honor Roll

Eighth Grade

Kirstin Collins, Alex Cowart, Stevie Lord, Kate Worthen, Mackenzie Wilder, Tyler Yarbrough

Seventh Grade

Elizabeth Batson, Marshall Davis, Rebecca Clanton, Lauren Givins, McKensie Lackey, Samuel Latimore, Tyler Silvers, Hughes Sumerel, Michael Waldrop, Shannon Webb

Sixth Grade

Sarah Altman, Tyler Anastos, Angela Ballachino, Ali Dakhlallah, Mary Miles Fewell, Angel Gosnell, Kayla Grubbs, Jessica Humphreys, Briana Lell, Austin Looper, Marisa Lorenzoni, Kristan Moses, Maria Perales-Vazquez, Kayla Robertson, Tucker Simmons, Stefan Styles, Sara Tolson, Christi Turner

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth Grade

Paige Anderson, Alice Blackwell, Courtney Bowens, Taylor Bowling, Heather Brawdy, Aaron Campbell, Jenna Church, Elliott Cleveland, Amanda Darnell, Nate Edwards, DJ Ellington, Donna Fewell, Nick Foister, Blair Hardin, Cassandra Henderson, Jonathan Hicks, David Hinely, Alexa Huff, Bobby James, Jessica Johnson, Harris Jones, Andrew Lewis, Blake Liljestrand, Sara Little, Hannah Mauldin, Megan McCrary, Whitney Murray, Devyn Oslager, Lauren Patterson, Michael Pratt, Hannah Reed, Kayla Short, Maghan Spooner, Jennifer Taylor, Shentria Watts, Adam Whetston, Brenna Wilkie, Brittany Woolen

Seventh Grade

Zachary Arnold, Jessica Berggrun, Andrew Blakeney, Vance Campbell, Andrew Duncan, Brittany Dunn, Ryan Ervin, Jordan Evans, Brandon Grasty, Jordan Greene, Alysha Hansford, Erika Jackson, Taylor Lipscombe, Destiny Macon, Eliseo Marquez, Jessica Mason, Maggie Moody, Marinda Morton, Allison Oslager, Charles Packard, HopeEllen Philpot, Alyson Queen, Owen Rimer, Chandler Roy, Britney Schaalma, Charles Seay, Braxton Severino, Christian Sharp, Cara Shipman, Kashana Tate, John Varn, James Waters, Kristen White, Keisha Wilkey, Essence Wright, Brittany Wood

Sixth Grade

John Austin, Andrew Beeler, Kellianne Blakemore, Brandii Bonham, Brittany Bryant, Fonda Capps, Connor Clinck, Shaquil Cox, Stephanie Davis, Brandi Drye, Parker Edison, Amber England, Brian Ettari, Sam Foister, Reed Fulbright, Jason Gleaton, Carlee Hampton, Olivia Harrison, Justin Hart, Brionna Henry, Brooke Henry, Eric Holmgreen, Brittany Jones, Josh Kozic, Jeffrey Loftis, Brittani Martin, Sam McBride, Thomas Motes, Theo Palacino, Hunter Reese, Beverly Reid, Olivia Reynolds, Connor Roy, Ashley Smith, Jalicia Sullivan, Alex Thompson, Blaine Walker, Kelsey Willingham, Justin Wilson, Sammy Yeargin, Beth Youngblood

Junior BETA Club Wants Early Childhood Books

The Northwest Junior Beta Club is collecting picture books, and preschool early reader books to donate to the *Parents as Teachers* program at Foothills Family Resources in Salter. The *Parents as Teachers* is an early childhood intervention program that works with low-income families with children from birth to age five. The program promotes early childhood learning through the teaching of child development and parenting

Anyone who has books to donate can send them to one of the club sponsors, Mrs. McRae, Mrs. Pratt, or Mrs. Rich. Clean, used books in good condition as well as new books are welcomed. Please keep this project in mind as you do your *Spring Cleaning*, and discover those early childhood read-aloud and picture books that are no longer used by the little ones in your household.

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

Sandy Bailey, C & S Coordinator

There are approximately 7 weeks of school left, and we need to get those Community and Service Hours turned in for IB-MYP credit! I know that there have been lots of activities that qualify for this time, but students are not getting their sheets filled out and turned in!

The required hours are: **6th grade = 10 hours**
7th grade = 20 hours
8th grade = 30 hours.

Samplings of activities are: [Practice time does not qualify, nor can money be accepted.]

NWMS Athletic Events	Youth Group Projects
Band Performances – Concert or Marching	Scouting Projects
Assisting a neighbor with odd jobs	Helping at another school
Helping teachers before/after school	Nursing Home Visitations
Human Shelter Work	Soup kitchen
Food/ clothing drives	Acolytes
Recycling programs	Litter collection
Beta Club Activities	Helping with an event

Any activity must be verified and signed by the adult who is in charge or supervising the activity.

If you have questions, please contact me at 834-6433 or email sbailey@greenville.k12.sc.us

"Thanks to all our volunteers who helped, as well as made contributions, to the "Ice Cream Sundae" sale for March and April. As always it was a huge success, and the students enjoyed it.- Tammie Lord

Unity Team News

Testing:

It's IEP time again! Teachers have begun testing to see the progress that our kids have made this year. Our students have been doing an excellent job, so you should hear good reports. It is so important during these times of testing that students get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast every morning. If you are running short on time in the mornings, remember that the cafeteria serves breakfast every morning. PACT testing is coming up May 11.

Annual Reviews:

Please be ready to schedule dates for Annual Reviews. Teachers are getting things read to meet and share the progress that your child has made this school year. We've had a great year! Please come and be a part of the decision making process for your child. Our parents are an important part of the IEP team. You are our number one support and we appreciate all that you do!

Field Trips:

In April, the sixth graders traveled to Wade Hampton High School to enjoy an outstanding performance of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." We were so happy to experience such talent from high school students. Afterwards, students enjoyed a picnic at Poinsett Park. The rain held off for us to have a nice day. Mrs. Brundridge's class returned to have tea with Mrs. Cleveland's class as we study about Japan. Mrs. Cleveland has so much to share as she lived in Japan for several years. They will also be joining her class for Haiku painting as well.

On May 25, we will be traveling to Columbia to the Riverbanks Zoo and the South Carolina State Museum. This is a reward to our kids for their hard work and good behavior these nine weeks. Please encourage them to put their best foot forward to make the remaining year successful as well. Students who have referrals will not be allowed to go. There is no cost to the students and chaperone's cost is thirty dollars. We want to reward our kids for the great job that they did this year!

A Sixth-Grader Reports

by Justin Hart

This year the six grade has gone on many field trips I'm going to talk about two of them. This week the six grade went to Wade Hampton High School to see the play "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." It was a play about an evil witch trying to take over a land called Narnia and a great lion called Aslan saving everyone from the evil witch and her winter. In a few weeks the six grade is going to Atlanta. They leave at 5:00 A.M. and get back around 11:00 P.M.. In Atlanta they are going to see the CNN weather station, the World of Coke, eat at the Varsity, go to Stone Mountain, and eat supper at the Hard Rock Cafe.

What's the 6-1 Spanish class doing this month?

by Brittani Martin

Mr. Adams's Spanish class made traveling brochures on some of Spain. If you want to describe your clothing and their colors in Spanish ask any 6-1 student in Spanish class. Do you know what the first modern novel is? Just this month the sixth graders in 6-1 read Don Quixote, the first modern novel. Then, they did some creative writing on Don Quixote about what would happen if Don Quixote came to Travelers Rest or to explain why Don Quixote is the way he is.

What's Bowin' on in Sixth-Grade Strings?

by Katelynn Pitts

This semester in sixth-grade strings Mr. Matthews is teaching the last few pages of their strings book. When they're close to the end of the book he is going to start spring music for the spring concert of course, and we hope to see you there. There is also an upcoming event called Band Night, when all of the bands in the school get to perform on stage in front of everyone. This concert is going to be on April 19, 2005, at Northwest Middle School. What time you ask? Well that's easy to remember: 5-8 o'clock. We also hope to see you there. See you next time at what's Bowen on Sixth-Grade strings.

What's happening with Ingalls???

by Katlyn Farmer

The 6-1 Social Studies teacher has been working hard to keep us all well educated, and it has worked. She has just started the chapter of the Vikings, on Friday, April 8. She just tossed us a D.O. test, and most of us passed it. We have been working on a Little Book folded again and again to make it look like an actual book, but it is extremely small. Its also filled with information about the Germans, We have been watching power points, clips. We've been writing questions, answers, and D.O.'S, and reading out of many kinds of books. Well, that's about all for this chapter of "What's happening with Ingalls." Thanks for reading.

Mrs. Lee's Challenge Language Arts

Mrs. Lee's Challenge Language Arts classes completed the novel Cast Two Shadows and published group newsletters based upon literature circle activities that were completed in class. All classes are currently studying eighth grade grammar standards relating to clauses and phrases.

Team 7-1 News

by Debra Slay

Team 7-1 recently completed our IB Unit on Vietnam. Lessons on Vietnam and the Vietnam War were used in each subject area. The highlight of the unit was the field trip we took with Team 7-2 to Brevard, NC to the Twin Dragons Restaurant. There we listened to Mr. David Chieu speak to us about his experiences in Cambodia (the neighbor of Vietnam) during the war era. We sampled food from the region, trying new things and eating with chopsticks. Then we headed down the mountain to Cleveland Park where we visited the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial to those that were killed in Vietnam from the Greenville Area.

Nagengast Past

by Olivia Reynolds

Over the last few weeks, we have done many things (and still will) in Challenge Language Arts, but I'll try to make it a short story. In February, we wrote a paper on a Greek god / goddess, or we could've written a book using a few ancient Greek letters, or we could have drawn a picture of a Greek sailing vessel, and then do a poster about them. In March, we worked on correcting misspelled words and reading and scanning poetry. Now, we're working on an expository writing project, and you have to list the steps on how to work or do your topic. As you can see, Mrs. Nagengast has worked hard for our education, so she deserves a pat-on-the-back!

Sixth Grade Science

by Stephanie Ford-Lee, Team 6-1

In science we just finished our unit about the weather. We learned about all the different clouds and all the steps in the water cycle. On Thursday, March 31st we went to Roper Mountain Science Center. In the hall of science we saw "*I've got the Power*". This was an interesting way to learn about force, gravity and Newton's laws of motion. We also went to the planetarium to see a three dimensional show about weather. We have started a new unit where we will explore the cells in plants and animals and also get to learn about fungi. Back at Northwest, there is a new kind of conference that team 6-1 has started. It is called the Student Led Conference. This new type of conference allows the student to be in charge. The student discusses the problem, what caused it, and how to solve it. The other members of the conference include the student's parent or parents and two teachers, one of which the student chooses.

MEDIA UPDATE

Sandy Bailey, Media Specialist

It has been a busy spring in the Northwest Media Center! There are classes galore doing research, taking Reading Counts tests, reading magazines, and checking out books. Student Assistants are in charge of keeping music playing in the background and they certainly have a diverse selection to choose from...there have been Beach Music, Broadway Musicals, Rock and Roll, Big Band, Disco, Classics, and more. Stop in and visit us and see what is currently happening in a ***happening place!***

I am again reading new books for the SCASL Junior Book Award Committee. This gives me a chance to read the most current books for middle school and a head start on ordering the best for our media center.

Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving on April 14 and sales will run from April 18 and end at 11:00 on April 22. There are lots of good titles on the list and I'm hoping that we have a good response. Many of those new books I have been reading will be available through the book fair, too.

The guinea pigs are back from their Spring Break and are settling right into their usual routine of sleeping, eating, and drinking. What a life! We may have some new additions (babies) in the next few weeks. That will really be an exciting event!

Rosie's Girls

If any girl in the 6th or 7th grade is interested in carpentry, welding, electricity, or automotive please see Mrs. O'Connor in the guidance dept. Our school district is offering a special program called Rosie's Girls this summer. This is a national curriculum developed several years ago.

From the Counselors:

Eighth graders will be doing a learning styles and personality assessment April 25th and 29th. Progress reports go out April 28th. Pact testing is May 11th-18th.

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