

NEWSBREAK

Pettis Co. R-V Newsletter

December 2017

Superintendent's Message

They say time flies when you are having fun - I must be having the time of my life! As unbelievable as it may be, nearly half of the school year has already passed.

Hope that you and yours have enjoyed the autumn season and harvest. In our community we have much reason to be thankful. As a member of the school district I am thankful for our students, my colleagues, the families that support and encourage our children and school, and the community as a whole that makes Northwest a great place to work.

Over the course of the next month there will be numerous school and community activities. Please come out and support our students and school district whenever you are able. Your presence at concerts, ball games, and activities during the school day is encouraged and appreciated.

Any time you have an idea, question or concern please contact me via email or phone or stop by the office for a visit. Together we can make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Happy Holidays!

Amy Fagg

Superintendent

Our Students, Our School: Empowering Tomorrow



“Happiness is not
having what you
want, but wanting
what you have”

Hyman Schachtel

Winter Weather Transportation/School Closing Information

- School closings, late starts, and snow routes will be posted on the school's Facebook page
- Information will be sent out via the School Messenger system for weather events
- Information will also be broadcast on the radio: KXKX105.7 FM; 92.3 FM; KSIS 1050 AM; KDRO 1490 AM; KMMO 102.9 FM
- Does your child usually drive to school but you desire for him/her to ride the school bus on days when the road conditions may be questionable? Please contact the principal's office or bus driver in advance to make the necessary arrangements.
- When weather effects the condition of the roads, it will be necessary to adjust the time at which the school bus begins its route in the morning. This will most likely effect students at the front end of the route. You can assist the district by having your students ready for school at least 15 minutes early on days when you believe road conditions may be poor.
- When road conditions are bad, please listen to the radio or news stations for announcements that the buses are driving on "snow routes" only. **Snow route information will be coming home in the next week.** If you do not receive this, please contact the superintendent's office at 827-0772.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FILING

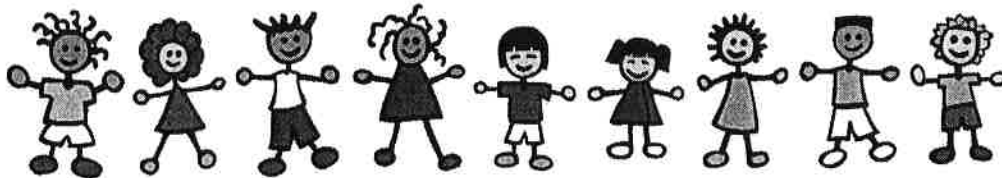
Persons interested in filing for the Pettis County R-V Board of Education may pick up paperwork in the Superintendent's Office in Hughesville, MO between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. December 12th to January 12th and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 16th. Due to the holidays, the District office will be closed from December 20th, at 12:00 noon through January 2nd. The terms of Mrs. Rebecca Barnes and Mr. Michael Arnett will be completed this year. To file, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States, resident taxpayer of the district who has resided in Missouri for one year preceding election, and be at least twenty-four years of age. Election day is Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Parents As Teachers

will be offering

FREE Developmental Screenings

for ages 3 months through 5 years.
(not yet enrolled in kindergarten)



When: Tuesday, December 5
Wednesday, December 6

Where: Northwest Elementary
Houstonia, MO

By appointment only!

Please call 660-827-8955 to schedule.

FREE developmental screenings for children ages 3 months- 5 years (not yet enrolled in kindergarten). Your child must be a resident of Pettis County. **Call Pettis County Early Childhood Co-op @ 827-8955** to schedule your appointment. **The areas to be screened include: speech, vision, hearing, language, readiness, motor and health (questionnaire).**

Pettis County Early Childhood Co-op
2255 S. Ingram
Sedalia, MO 65301
Telephone: (660)-827-8955

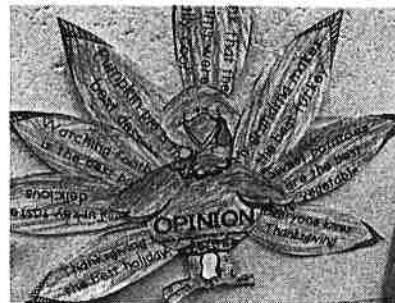


Happy Thanksgiving!

I am very thankful for the Northwest Community. The students, parents, teachers and community have been great. We have a great school and everyone is working hard to keep it that way. At Northwest Elementary, the teachers and students have been working hard to improve our reading scores. We will be taking the STAR Reading test again after Thanksgiving break to see how much we have improved.

It won't be long before Christmas break and a New Year. Please come to our Christmas Program on December 18 at 6:00 pm at the high school. The students and Mrs. White are putting together a great program and we would love to see a big crowd there.

Thanks,
Joel Sherman
Northwest Elementary Principal



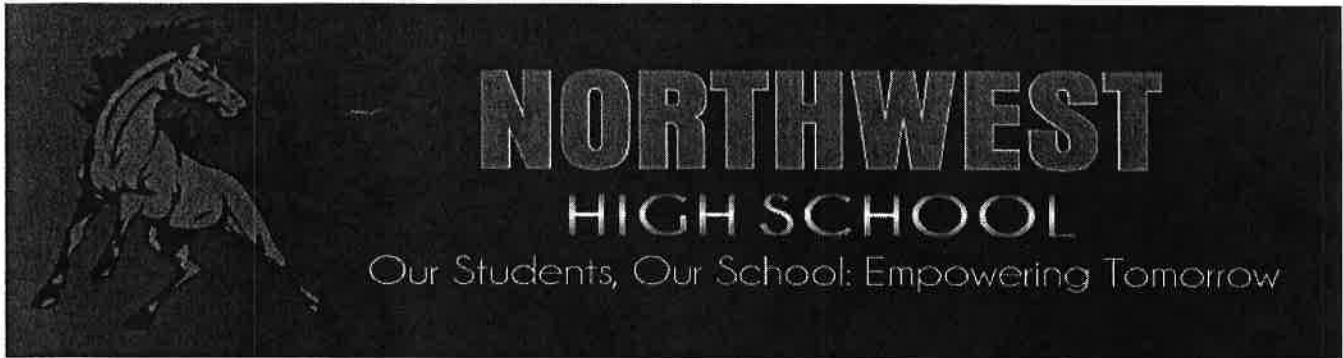
Military Families connected with our Community

As a service project for Veterans Day and the holiday season, The 3rd grade and some of the other classes at the Elementary are wanting to send care packages to our Military families from our community. Adopt a US Soldier allows our students, staff and community to show our support for our troops. In order to make this project a success the teachers/staff, students and community members all will be working together to spread the Christmas spirit. Each class will be making something special for each soldier. If you know of someone, please feel free to add their name and **address** to our list. We will be collecting items Monday, November 20th -December 8th. We appreciate your support and generosity.

Thanks for your support,

Students and Staff of Northwest Elementary School

1. Alex Rosendale - Germany (class 2017)
2. Cody Reece
3. McConnell Kraft
4. Jason Chavies
5. Haley Benoit- Ellsworth AFB South Dakota
6. Jonas Benoit- Ellsworth AFB South Dakota
7. Kristy Karrick
8. Aaron Rivers
9. Austin Elder
10. Sam Pettis
11. Lacy Boyd
12. Brett Berry
13. Matt Lange
14. Andrew Franzen
15. Kira Reece Otero
16. Josh Bader
17. Josh Thompson
18. Logan Parkham
19. Tanner Proctor
20. Nick Haller
21. Lucas Wangerin
22. Michael Thompson



News From Mrs. Sims...

Seasons' Greetings!!

This is my favorite time of year! The temperature is cooling down and the leaves are changing to such beautiful colors. This is also a time of reflection and the counting of blessings in my life, especially my family and school family. I encourage you to take a moment for self-reflection, and to let the people in your life know how much they mean to you.

Although this is such a busy time as we prepare for the holidays, there is still plenty of business going on here at school.

At the high school I have been meeting with seniors individually to ensure everyone is on target for "life after high school". Students are working hard to narrow down the college of their choice and staying abreast on the scholarships that are available to them. My goal is for students to have their acceptance letters by our return second semester. Please be talking with your student about these important choices and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

High school students have continued to participate in the College Connection presentations by State Fair Community College. Next semester they will be leaning about college culture, ACT prep, and career fit.

Things at the elementary are just as busy! We are transitioning from learning about ourselves, to understanding our communities around us. Our character education program is also off to a great start. Teachers are working hard to incorporate the monthly character trait into daily lessons, and the students have done a fabulous job presenting at our character assemblies

I am also looking forward to our 8th year of volunteering at the Saline County Holiday Project. This has been a great success for our students as we ventured out into the surrounding communities during the holidays. Over the last few years we have been able to serve thousands of families during this time. I am so proud of our students and they love doing it!!

In closing I would like to share a personal experience and thought...

Growing up my mother always had a small quote laminated on our back door of our home. It simply stated: "No success in life can compensate for failure in the home", by David O. McKay. As I continue to grow into my role as a mother and school counselor, this quote often comes to mind. What can we be doing as parents to strengthen our home and our children? Statistics show that students who have involved parents are much more likely to be successful. Here are 5 easy tips on ways we can spend more time together as a family:

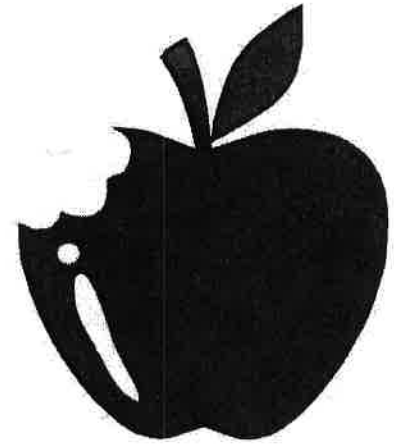
- Limit TV, phone and Internet time
- Have dinner together
- Work together
- Play together
- Share a passion

Wishing you and your family a blessed holiday season

Mrs. Sims

Counselor

Bites....from the High School



Progress Reports will continue to be sent home with your student every other Friday. They are to be signed and returned by a parent or guardian the following school day. We believe that the more information we can get parents, the more success your student will have. If you are not seeing progress reports every 2 weeks, please call the office. Failure to not turn in a signed progress report will result in an after school detention.

When your student will be absent, please call the HS office at (660) 827-0774

Remember—lunch account statements are passed out with progress reports

Junior Fundraiser

Juniors will be selling TJ's Pizza until December 1st. See a junior for these great pizzas!!

Attendance

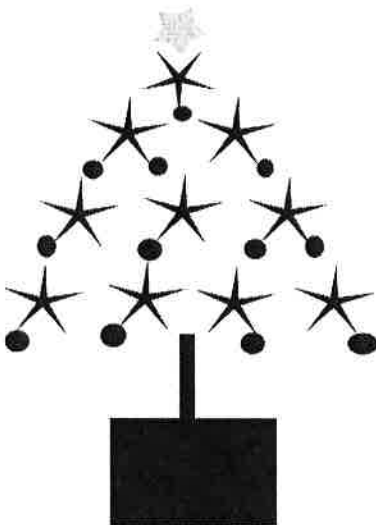
Please remember how important it is that your student is in class each and every day. When a student misses over 8 days, he/she will need to make up the time over the 8 allotted days in Saturday school. If your student misses over 8 days, please contact the office for arrangements on how to make up the time.

Holiday Concerts

The Elementary & High School Christmas Concert will be split this year. The elementary concerts will be on December 18th at 6pm in the High School gym. The High School Concert will be December 19th at 6pm in the High School Cafeteria.

Sonia K Day at UCM

Junior high and high school ladies attended Sonia Kovalevsky Day at UCM. (Sonia was the first woman to get a doctorate in mathematics and made other notable contributions in math and science.) Students were able to attend workshops on using mathematics and science in the real world. They also participated in a problems solving contest. There was also a panel discussion hosted by women with careers in a variety of positions that required a math or science background.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stuco Blood Drive from 2-6 pm. in High School Cafeteria	2 Sedalia- Hughesville Christmas parades
3	4 Scholar Bowl at Otterville at 4 pm.	5 VG/JVB/VB at Lincoln at 5:30 pm. PAT Screenings by appointment only	6 Early out/Teacher meet- ings 6 pm FFA Chapter meeting PAT Screenings by ap- pointment only	7	8	9 Houstonia Christmas Parade
10	11 VG at Sacred Heart at 6pm.	12 JVB/VB at home vs. Sacred Heart at 6 pm.	13 VG/VB vs. Leeton at SFCC at 6 pm.	14	15 JVB/VG/VB at home vs. Stover at 5:30 pm.	16
17	18 Christmas pro- gram for Elementary at 6:00 pm.	19 Christmas concert for High School at 6:00 pm	20 Early Out Christmas break begins	21 No CTC Classes	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve					VG/VB @ Otterville Holiday Classics	
31	New Year's Eve					

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Christmas break No CTC classes New Year's Day VG/VB @ Oterville Holiday Classic	2 ----- ----- -----	3 ----- ----- Teacher Workday -----	4 Back to School -----	5 ----- ----- -----	6 ----- -----
7	8 VG Basketball at home vs. Tipton at 6 pm.	9 ASVAB testing for ALL Juniors @ 8:30 6 pm JVB/VB at Tipton	10	11 Scholar Bowl at 4 pm. at Windsor 5:30 JVB/VG/VB at Kingsville	12 5:30 JVB/VG/VB at LaMonte	13
14	15 No School No CTC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 10th grade CTC Introduction at 8:15 am 5:30 JVB/VG/VB at Windsor	17	18	19 VG/JVB/VB at Cole Camp at 5:30 pm.	20
21	22 VG/VB at Crest Ridge Tournament	23 7:20 10th Graders visit CTC -----	24 ----- -----	25 4 pm Scholar Bowl at Lincoln -----	26 ----- -----	27 ----- -----
28	29 Basketball SR Night 5:30 JVB/VG/VB at home vs. Oterville PTO Chili Supper	30 5:30 JVB/VG/VB at Chillhowee	31			

