

Northbridge Middle School April 2010 Newsletter



Student Recognition

Grade 6 Going Green Poster Contest Winners: Congratulations to the following 6th grade students who were the winners of the Going Green Poster Contest: Jennifer Bombard, Elijah Boudreau, Hannah Brown, Zachary Hendriks, Bryan Medina, Anthony Murphy, Zachary Papazian & Angela Sinatra. These student's posters will be competing with other schools within the Blackstone Valley and will be displayed at Alternatives at Whitin Mill throughout the month of April. Thank you to all of our 6th grade students for participating, and good luck to the winners!

Grade 7 & 8 St. John's Math Invitational: On Thursday, April 15th, Saint John's High School will host their sixth annual spring Middle School (Grades 7 & 8) Math Invitational for area schools. Good luck to the following NMS participants: **Grade 8:** John Allen, Nicholas Bedrosian, Bridgette Bousquet, Samuel DeJong-Ewing, Kimberly Ekberg, Matthew Goldstein, Zachary Livingston, Chloe Mawn, Jacob Moon, Rachel Norris, Molly O'Brien, Zane Ostoin, Samantha Prescott, Timothy Richer, Alex Riley, Robie Sabourin, Devin Stevens & Ryan Stone. **Grade 7:** Melanie Dudka, Jessica Ekberg, Michael Kane, Reagan Mahoney, Daniel Menard, Noah Redden, Henry Roche, Gwen Weissinger & Joel Williams.

Grade 7 Spray for a Brighter Day: The winner of the Grade 7 Spray for a Brighter Day Recipe Book Cover Contest is Brianna Gallagher. Brianna's cover design will be used on the Going Green Recipe Book of Green Cleaners created by Grade 7 students. Congratulations Brianna!

March Students of the Month: **Academics:** Kiana Castro, Devonne Hamilton, Nicholas Joyce, Sami Kafal, Michael Kane, Julia Kelley, Abigail Labrie, Ciara Larence, Erin Larson, Marc LeBlanc, Megan Mawn, Randi Ouillette & Olivia Spratt; **Citizenship:** William Athanas, Mark Auger, Nicole Ballard, Cody Barrett, Anthony Demeritt, Karsyn Flanders, Brianna Gallagher, Patrick Murphy, Devin Stevens, Mackenzie Tougas; **Most Improved:** Michael Carey, Zebulon Converse, Emily Cullen, Marc Flores, Courtney Goodwin, Andrew Hahn, Cassandra Jackson, Logan Lamborn, Whitney Roche, John Stone, Haley Trombino. Keep up the good work!

April Student of the Month Recognition Breakfast

Students will be notified within the first two weeks in April if they have been selected for Student of the Month. The recognition breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 29th from 8-8:30 A.M. in the NMS cafeteria.

Important Dates

<i>Production of "The Ugly Duckling"</i>	4/1
<i>Picture Day</i>	4/7
<i>NHS Open House</i>	4/8
<i>Term 3 Ends</i>	4/8
<i>Friends of Music Meeting</i>	4/12
<i>School Council Meeting</i>	4/15
<i>Term 3 Report Cards Issued</i>	4/15
<i>Community Clean-up Day</i>	4/16
<i>Student Council Nominations Due</i>	4/16
<i>April Vacation</i>	4/19-23
<i>Kick-off Meeting "Relay for Life"</i>	4/26
<i>Recognition Breakfast</i>	4/29

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Grade 7 Donates to Milford Regional Hospital

Thank you to Grade 7 students and teachers for the items donated to the Milford Regional Hospital. Items included coloring books, crayons, puzzle books and sketchpads. A total of four books were also donated, which consisted of original comic strips written by 7th grade students, as well as paragraphs about the writer of each comic. These items will be utilized in the Pediatric Wing and Emergency Room. Great job to all!

Community Clean-up Day

On Friday, April 16th, the 6th grade class will be holding their 3rd annual community clean-up in honor of Earth Day. Students will be cleaning school grounds and area parks and will also be weeding and re-mulching flower beds at NES. Thank you to all students and teachers for your community service.

Evening of the Arts

The Northbridge Public Schools Art and Music Departments will be showcasing student artwork and musical performing groups on the evening of April 29th at the Middle School. An art show will be held in the lobby at 6 P.M. featuring music by the NHS Jazz Ensemble, followed by a musical concert in the auditorium at 7 P.M. which includes performing groups from Balmer Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Northbridge Friends of Music

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 12th from 7–8 P.M. in the NHS Band Room. Parents are encouraged to attend.

NHS Open House for Grade 8

All parents and students are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, April 5th at 6 P.M.

Student Council Nominations for 2010-2011

Anyone interested in running for student council next year can pick up a nomination form in the NMS cafeteria. The nomination forms are due April 16th. Grades 5 & 6, please return your form to Mrs. Sullivan, and Grade 7 to Mrs. Mercier. Grade 8 will have to wait for the high school elections to begin. Completing a nomination form does not guarantee you a spot on student council next year. Elections will be held after April vacation. Eight students per grade will be elected. There will also be a chance of two walk-on's per grade. If you do not get elected, you must see Mrs. Mercier or Mrs. Sullivan for a walk-on application.

School Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15th from 2:30–4 P.M. in the NMS Library. All are welcome to attend.

MCAS Update

Great job to all students and faculty for a successful round of English Language Arts MCAS testing which was held during the weeks of March 22nd and March 29th! Thank you to all parents/guardians for your support as well!

Relay for Life

On Friday, May 28th, the Related Arts Team will be hosting a walk for cancer, "Relay for Life". The all-day event will raise student awareness and help collect money for cancer research. On April 26th, there will be a kick-off information meeting. At this meeting we will show a short video, have a speaker from the Cancer Society and a cancer survivor talk to the group. We will also be giving the students collection envelopes and details about the May walk.

Picture Day

On Wednesday, April 7th, photographers will be at NMS to take individual, home-room and grade 8 class photos.

Current Sports/ Clubs

- Track & Field
- Softball
- Baseball
- Swim Club
- Lego Robotics

Drama Club Production of “The Ugly Duckling

This year’s drama production will be “The Ugly Duckling”. Shows are Thursday, April 1st at 7 P.M. and Saturday, April 3rd at 2 P.M. in the NMS auditorium.

Adults: \$7 Children: \$5 Raffle Drawing

Bullying Prevention Program

Northbridge has received a grant from the Community Partners in Health to develop a PK-12 bullying prevention program. A committee has been formed to implement this grant. Tasks will include helping to define what our bullying prevention program will look like, reviewing existing programs and materials, and developing a custom program for our teachers, students and parents.

April Lunch Menu

Cost of Lunch: \$2.50, Reduced price \$.40 for students who qualify / “Grab ‘n Go” Breakfast offered daily, \$1.50 or \$.30 reduced/ Menu subject to change. Please call 234-8163 with questions or comments.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			<i>1</i> Assorted Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Cookie	<i>2</i> NO SCHOOL
<i>5</i> Meatball Grinder Curley Fries Green Beans Pudding w/Topping	<i>6</i> Taco Salad w/Toppings (Lettuce, Cheese,	<i>7</i> Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant Oven Wedges	<i>8</i> “Build a Burger” Lettuce, Cheese, Onions, Pickles Curly Fries	<i>9</i> Assorted Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit
<i>12</i> Chicken Nuggets Whipped Potato Mixed Veggies	<i>13</i> Chicken Fajita Roll-up W/Toppings (Lettuce, Onions, Cheese, Salsa)	<i>14</i> Sweet & Sour Meatballs Steamed Rice Broccoli & Carrots Chilled Pineapple	<i>15</i> Spicy Chicken Wrap Lettuce, Pickles Pasta Salad Fruit	<i>16</i> Assorted Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit
April 19—23 No School				
<i>26</i> Steak & Cheese Sub Oven Wedges Seasoned Green Beans Fruit	<i>27</i> “Build a Burger” Lettuce, Cheese, Onions, Pickles Curly Fries	<i>28</i> Spicy Chicken Wrap Lettuce, Pickles Pasta Salad Fruit	<i>29</i> Turkey Bacon Wrap Lettuce, Pickles Pasta Salad Fruit Crisp w/ Topping	<i>30</i> Assorted Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Cookie