

THE VIKING VOICE

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*A newsletter to the
residents of Northern
Lebanon School District*





GROUNDBREAKING *Ceremony*

Secondary School Renovations

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the secondary school renovation project was held on Wednesday, November 29th in front of the old district office entrance. In addition to district administration, School Board Members, Fidevia Construction Management and Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates were onsite to mark this milestone. This is an exciting time, and we all look forward to the next two and a half years of transformation. From hallways to classrooms, parking lots to large group spaces, we can't wait for students and staff to experience this newly designed building.

The website will be updated as the renovations get underway and we're excited to share progress with the community through 2026.



A Message from the Superintendent



Dear NL Family,

I just wanted to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year. I am proud of the hard work of our students and staff and hope all of you enjoy your time off with friends and family.

With Viking Pride,

Gary Messinger



THE MITTEN TREE INSPIRES MITTEN DRIVE!

The Mitten Drive was fueled by the book, *The Mitten Tree*. One snowy day an elderly woman, Sarah, watches children gathering at the bus stop. While they never seem to notice her, she notices them, especially one little boy who has no mittens. That night, Sarah knits the boy a pair of cozy mittens and places them on the blue spruce tree for him to discover. It soon becomes a game, with the children looking for new mittens on the mysterious tree every morning, and Sarah joyfully knitting new ones each night.



The faculty and staff made the mitten drive very successful with such generous donations. Over the month the drive was held, we collected over 150 pairs of mittens/gloves and winter hats. The best part about the drive was when the classes were able to deliver the donations supporting people who are in need so close to home.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

High School

November



Campbell Bomberger



Thomas Zito

December

*(sponsored by the
Fredericksburg and
Jonestown Lions Club)*



Scarlett Naum



Luke Shaffer

Middle School

November



Isabelle Boltz

December



Brenna Engebretson

(sponsored by Northern Lebanon County Rotary Club)





CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Elementary School

November

*L-R – Atticus Rivera,
Jacob Bomberger, Boston Sechrist,
Amanda Meenarai, Finley Bankes,
Lexie Bashore, Madyson Stoner*



December

*L-R – Liam Weston,
Kayleigh DiPasquale, Ava Spencer,
Reagan Spencer, Sam Kline,
Canon Risser, Jacob Anspach*

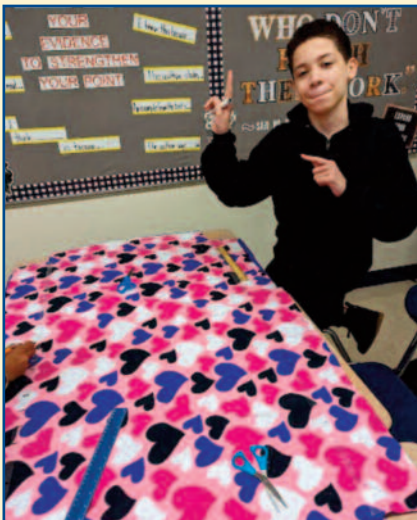


8th Grade Students Donate Hand-Made Blankets to Those in Need!

On October 5th, Ms. Cromley and her 8th grade students made tie blankets for Project Linus of Lebanon County. Students utilized measuring skills to tape, measure and mark where cuts would be made to create the ties to assemble the blankets. In total the class made 11 blankets to donate to local children in need. All blankets donated will be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18. These students for two days were “blanketeers,” taking time out of their day to use their abilities to create something warm and comforting for others. We are proud of our Valiant Vikings!



#VikingPride



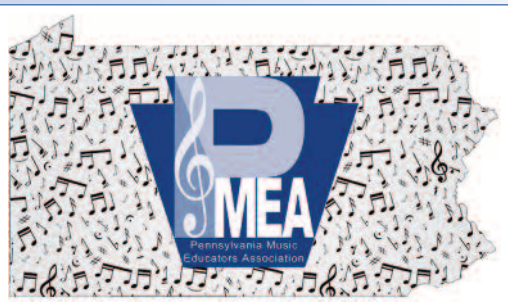


NL's FFA Thanksgiving Food Drive – Giving Back to the Community!

This Thanksgiving, our FFA Chapter worked together to give back to our community! Running a school wide food drive, we collected Thanksgiving meal items. These items were then assembled into care packages that were distributed to families in need of extra support within the district. Our goal was to ensure that every family had a special meal to enjoy together on Thanksgiving! Our Chapter was able to assemble 78 care packages. THANK YOU to everyone who contributed!



NL Students Participate in PMEA Choir Festival!



On Saturday, October 28th, Concert Choir members Jocelynn Chadwick (senior) and Ethan Hughes (junior) traveled to Central York High School to audition for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Choir Festival. The audition process is rigorous and competi-

tive with sixty-five participating schools across District 7. Ethan and Jocelynn auditioned with six hundred other students for a spot in the premiere ensemble, which only accepts the top two hundred auditionees. Both students worked incredibly hard to prepare for the audition and Ethan Hughes will be representing NL at the festival in January. Being accepted into the ensemble is no easy feat and a tremendous honor. Congratulations, Ethan! #VikingPride



NLHS Volunteer Club Spreads Joy to Those in Need!

Every year on the first Sunday of December, members of the NLHS Volunteer Club go to the Lebanon Rescue Mission. They prepare and serve a meal for Sunday Supper. In addition to serving the men who live at the mission, the students serve members of the community in need of a hot meal. It is a tradition that the students and teachers enjoy and look forward to every year.



Merry “Grinch”mas from the NL Secondary School Staff/Students



Our secondary Valiant Vikes have been busy elves preparing for a Grinch-style Christmas in the secondary building! Next week will be our kick off of the “12 Days of Christmas Raffles: GRINCH STYLE! Two random prizes will be drawn daily from December 6 - December 21, featuring one “good” and one “bad” prize each day! Students can enter the raffle using their Viking dollars earned throughout the year. Prizes range from a “bag of coal,” Grinch tees, fleece blankets, ugly Christmas sweaters, candy, and over 20 different gift cards donated by local businesses. We even have some staff getting into the Grinch spirit to promote the raffle!



Merry Grinchmas!



Valiant Vikes Happenings

Chocolate Sale & Slam Dunk Reward



During the month of October, we held our annual World’s Finest Chocolate Sale. This was our main fundraiser for the year, and we sold lots of chocolate! Students who sold one or more boxes of chocolate bars earned the ability to attend a special assembly featuring the Xtreme Team High Flying Dunk Show this past Monday. Students had a blast watching all the stunts and seeing how high the guys could jump. They even pulled kids out of the audience and included them by jumping over them! Our own Mr. Lugar was even included! Thank you to all the students for selling and for everyone who bought chocolate bars.



Valiant Vikes Happenings



November Spark Day

As our monthly Spark Day approached all students were encouraged to wear their blue & gold. Staff passed out a special treat to lunches to the students. We also had mini raffles at lunch to help spark that Viking Spirit! Check out some of the pictures from NLSS SPARK DAY!!



Cool Beans Brew Coffee Truck

We were excited to host the Cool Beans Brew Coffee Truck in our high school parking lot on Monday, November 20th from 3:30-6:00 pm during our parent/teacher conferences. Everyone was encouraged to stop by and support our local business. The drinks were delicious!!



BAKE
Cookies



NL Drama Club Presents - *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*



The NL Drama Club presented *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* on Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th at 7pm. The play was chosen by assistant director, Mrs. Boltz, and was a hilarious spoof of the famous story of Robin Hood and even contained the evil Prince John (Boo! Hiss! Boo! Hiss!). The show contained 25 cast members and 12 crew members and featured two 15 foot trees! The NL Drama Club enjoyed performing this show very much and is already preparing for its spring musical, *Willy Wonka Jr!*



 **VIKING
PRIDE**



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Positivity + Staff/Students Goes Hand in Hand!

"My hands can only reach so far. Take my hand and together we can reach so much further."

This quote gave us the idea to spread some positivity. We are room 100 IU13 ES class. We decided to do something to include everyone in the whole NL building. Something we thought would be so special. Instructions are simple: you take a paper hand and write a positive message on it then drop it in the bin. We do the rest. So far, we have hung almost 300 hands starting at room 100 and now almost to the high school lunchroom. The staff and students have written the most amazing, inspirational, and positive messages. Our whole class has cut out all the paper hands and hung them up. We are super proud of our little project. The best part is knowing that these little messages have made so many smile.

Ms. McClain, Ms. Jean, Ms. Kaitlynn and our students thank you for giving a hand!



Master Gardeners Inform Students About Invasive Plants in Our Area!

On Monday, October 30th the seventh-grade science students in Miss Allen's and Mrs. Weneck's classes enjoyed a presentation on invasive plants in our local area. Penn State Extension Office Master Gardeners Cathy and Marty Boltz brought in samples of some of the "frightening five" local invasive plants such as Japanese knotweed, tree of heaven, Japanese stilt grass, Japanese honeysuckle, and multiflora roses. All the samples were gathered along the Jonestown Rail Trail. The Boltz's also bought seven \$10 Amazon gift cards so a raffle was held in each class for students who earned a 90% or better on the quiz at the end of the presentation. The students were appreciative of the presentation and the generosity of the Cathy and Marty!



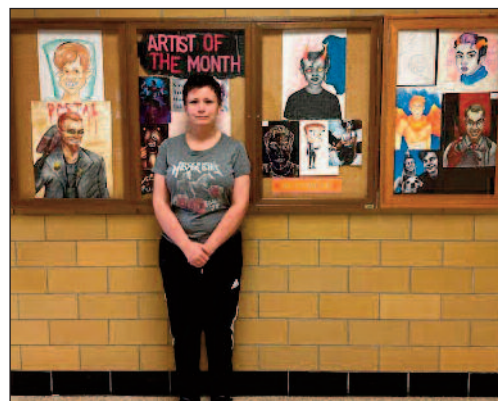


November Artist of the Month – Caitlin Gadel

Congratulations to Caitlin Gadel being selected as Artist of the Month for November 2023!

Caitlin is a senior in the graduation class of 2024. She is a caricature artist at Hersheypark

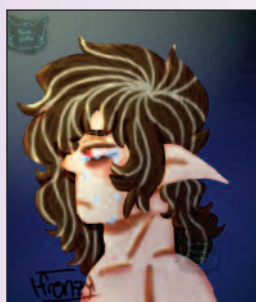
and loves all forms of art. Caitlin enjoys fanart of characters, and her original animal characters are among her favorite things to draw. For Caitlin, art never gets old. She has been an active member of art club over the past four years, has taken multiple high school art classes throughout high school and plans to continue working as an artist into the future. Caitlin likes to draw digitally on her iPad, but she also loves all forms of painting and drawing.



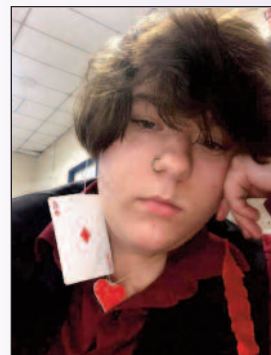
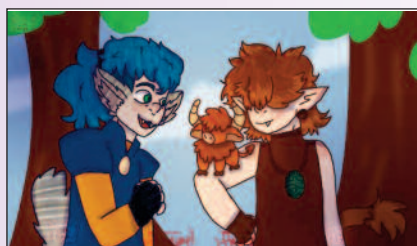
December Artist of the Month – Harley Bode



Congratulations to Harley Bode for being selected as Artist of the Month! Harley has been drawing for several years, ever since Harley was a child. Harley started traditionally for a while before moving to digital art, which is Harley's primary medium. Harley is in the graduating class of 2024 and currently is taking a Sculpture class. Harley got the opportunity to go to France and Italy with art club in 2021 and had the opportunity to see and study art and architecture in Europe! Harley is in marching band and student council, and plans to become a lawyer or a judge in the future. The attached images are some of Harley's favorite pieces of art- all done digitally. The first is



taking two characters from *Boku no Hero Academia*, Takami Keigo (Hawks) and Todoroki Touya (Dabi), and reimagining them as characters from the series *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic*. The second is a drawing of one of his original characters, Ebby Debby, who is a unicorn and a character intended to be from the same universe. The third is a reference of a Spiderman-sona, The Circus Spider. The final is a redesign of Tom Lucitor from *Star vs The Forces of Ev*.



NLHS - National Honor Society Induction



The Northern Lebanon Chapter of the National Honor Society, under the direction of advisors Jennifer Zemba and Kelita Gehres, inducted the 37 newly selected members during the evening of November 16th in the Harlan A. Daubert Performing Arts Center.

Guest speaker for the event was Mr. Barry Naum who gave a heartfelt and very memorable speech.

Congratulations to the following 2023-2024 NLHS National Honor Society Inductees! New members inducted this year are:

Grade 10

Lia Almer
Lyndsie Bomgardner
Claire Borcky
Collin Cheslock
Jayce Fellin
Kalyn Harmon
Addison Hollenbach
Nolan Leshner
Emma Marlowe
Jaslene Marrero
Brielle McFeaters
Haylee Mullen
Reagan Rabuck
Tucker Reiber
Sarah Richard

Alexis Schreckengost

Hayley Sheroky
Ava Shirk
Jasmine Singh
Nathan Swank
Rachel Troup
Kasey Weimer
Jillian Zechman

Ethan Martino

Morgan Rank
Zane Smoker
Hayden Umberger
Stephanie Wang

Grade 12

Campbell Bomberger
Paxton Horner
OLaya Lasanta
Sydney Shuyler

Grade 11

Vincent Battistelli
Brian Bicksler
Keira Bowman
Lillyana Harris
Lucas Kleisath



Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship (academic achievement), leadership, service, and character. Students must show outstanding performance in all 4 criteria in order to be selected into this very prestigious society.

Congratulations 2023-2024 NLHS National Honor Society Inductees!



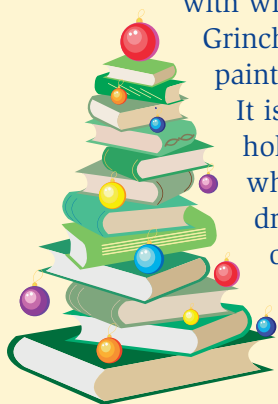
December Middle School Service Club News

The Middle School Service Club students had a very busy week last week offering their time and talents at three local community events. The month of December started off with students volunteering their time on Saturday, December 2nd, at the Fredericksburg community holiday party. From 3:45 to 7:00 pm, students set up face painting stations, and assisted with an ornament craft making station. Hundreds of children and families attended the festive event at the community center that offered cookies and hot cocoa, crafts, holiday music, and pictures with Santa. Students painted children's faces with holiday themes such as reindeer, snowmen, Christmas trees and even the Grinch! The students were happy to end the evening with a group picture of their own with Santa! It was a wonderful evening of community fellowship and a great way to celebrate the start of the holiday season!



On Tuesday December 5th, the Service Club students traveled back to the Matthews Public library for their annual holiday window painting. Librarian Mrs. Redcay welcomed students to the library on this after school trip and shared how much library patrons enjoy seeing the festive paintings that adorn the windows. Students painted winter scenes that depicted Gingerbread men, snowmen, reindeer, snow covered trees with winter birds and even the Grinch and Max the dog were painted for children to enjoy!

It is a creative way to spread holiday cheer for all to see whether visiting the library or driving down the main street of Fredericksburg.



December Middle School Service Club News

Finally, on Saturday December 9th, the Service Club students volunteered their time and talents at the first ever Elementary PTO Holiday Market. Students assisted with the holiday shop that took place in the elementary cafeteria, and a face painting station was set up in the Elementary art room. Both students and parents stopped by to have their faces, arms, and hands painted with festive holiday imagery. Children had fun selecting pictures off of a display board and loved having personalized artworks created. Students were happy to use their art as a way to bring a smile to children's faces, and get everyone excited for the upcoming holiday season!



NLSS Staff and Students had a great time dressing up for their Disney Themed Week!



First Grade Book Donation!

The Northern Lebanon Education Association donated a book to each of our first graders. The book for this year's donation was "*The Dot*" by Peter H. Reynolds. Thank you to NLEA for helping support our students and their love of reading!



NLHS Graduate Will Thompson Makes a Visit to the Students at NLES!



On Tuesday, November 28th, NLHS 2017 graduate Will Thompson and his wife, Jacqueline, visited Northern Lebanon Elementary School and spoke to Learning Support and ESL students in grades 4-6 about their military and academic careers and the importance of education in achieving success in life. After each session, students had the opportunity to ask questions. What a great morning of inspiration and learning!



Northern Lebanon Elementary Crochet Club



Staff members at NLES gather twice a week to learn, practice and teach crochet to one another! Eventually they hope to get into more difficult projects like plushies, clothing and more! The staff are enjoying meeting new people and seeing new and familiar faces. The group crochet teachers, Mrs. Wetzel and Mrs. Kortright are excited about this new staff club!

The Crochet Club meets on Mondays and Tuesdays in the elementary school library from 3:45-4:45.

We have plenty of extra supplies to pass and share. Come join our next meet up!



Kindergarten Students Become Secret Readers!

Mrs. Sharrow's kindergarten classes are being introduced to students' family members and school faculty through their Secret Reader Program. The Secret Readers are making wonderful connections with the students and helping them to develop a love of reading.



NLES PTO Corner

This fall was an exciting time for our families and staff! In October, we held our first Boo Bash family event. Families were encouraged to come in costume and dance the night away with our awesome DJ. They enjoyed apple "nachos" and salty snacks while they traveled to different games and activities. Kids filled goody bags with candy and other prizes from our Candy Grab, Trick for a Treat dice roll, and Pin the Bow Tie on Mr. Ghost. Families could also build a bat flyer and bat cave at our STEM station. If students were feeling brave, they could go through our Fear Factor line and feel goblin tongues, black cat poop, and zombie brains.

Last month, we held our first Krispy Kreme doughnuts fundraiser which was a huge success- 872 DOZEN doughnuts sold!! Then, we had a chance to treat our teachers to dinner and dessert during a long day of parent/teacher conferences. Wich Way Sandwiches, owned by one of our own NLES families, catered our main meal of paninis, wraps, salads, soup, and mac-and-cheese. Local businesses donated sweet desserts and beverages, as well.

The PTO is very thankful for our amazing staff and NLES families for their constant support of our school community through their donations and time volunteering at our various events. Future events include our Holiday Market, a community event filled with a Santa Shop for students and vendor fair for people of all ages; and our Father-Daughter Dance in February, both of which will utilize our super volunteers!



NLES STEM Spotlight

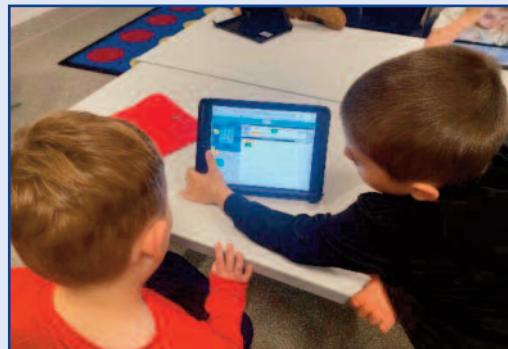
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STEM

Elementary students have begun a new unit in STEM- Computer Science. We introduced the unit by discussing important internet safety tips, like how to be a super digital citizen and types of information to share or keep private. Now, all students are learning about coding and practicing their programming skills with unplugged activities and grade-level courses on Code.org. Fifth and Sixth graders even had a chance to program their friends to complete a task like a robot! In the first week of December, all students participated in the week-long

Hour of Code event hosted worldwide by Code.org.

During our Computer Science unit, students will also use online programs like Scratch to create and code fun programs, as well as, program robots like Ozobots, Dash, Sphero, Indi to complete tasks. Older students will use littleBits kits and other robots to design and program games. Students are working on a holiday project that involves electric circuits or binary code. Later this year, they will utilize the large green screen in the STEM rooms and learn about stop-motion and other animation apps. We are excited to build students' knowledge of computer science and coding and, hopefully, grow their passion for these skills!



Thank you, Veterans

Students at the Northern Lebanon Elementary School were honored to share a special lunch to honor and express our deepest gratitude to our Veterans. Thank you to all who joined us in making this day meaningful. Your service is appreciated, remembered, and celebrated!

We also had a military vehicle come to the school. The experience provided a tangible connection to the brave individuals who serve our country, sparking curiosity and admiration among the students.



Six Elementary Students Represent NL at PMEA!

We had six students represent NL at the PMEA District 7 Youth Honors Band Fest which was held Saturday at Cedar Cliff HS. They performed a great concert and represented our district well. The students were Kathryn Shirk, Addison Derr, Mara Murphy, Madison Kless, Braelyn Stoner, and Canon Risser.



Art Classes at NLES!!!

The Elementary students have been busy in Art class. They made clay jewelry and pastel pumpkins.



Valiant Vikes – Elementary Style!

NLES is all about rewarding the students who have been working hard and that have exemplified what our daily VIKES pledge is all about.

To do this we had each teacher and specialist nominate one student to be a Valiant Vike of the Trimester! We will do this each trimester. Students nominated will be able to participate in a special activity.

How were the winners chosen? These students demonstrate traits of a Valiant Vike such as kindness (being kind to staff and students), responsibility (working hard to always complete their work), resiliency (challenging themselves to learn new things and being able to positively adapt to change) and dependability (this means you knew this student was someone you could trust to always do the right thing even when you weren't watching) **all throughout the trimester.**

Way to go to all the winners! Keep displaying those VIKE characteristics!



Kindergarten AM



Kindergarten PM



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6





Senior Citizen Luncheon

March 20, 2024
at 1:00 pm
(Location TBD)

Substitutes Needed!

We are looking for qualified individuals to substitute for our district! Please visit our website at <https://www.norleb.org/careers> to complete the necessary application and to see what is available. We would love for you to join our team! Please call 717-865-2119 ext. 11951 for more information!

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!
Apply today!

Upcoming Events:

12/22	Early Dismissal (10:50 AM-Secondary; 11:40 AM-Elementary)
12/25	Merry Christmas
12/25-1/1/24	SCHOOL CLOSED – Christmas Break/New Year's Day
1/2/24	School Board Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (tentative)
1/9/24	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm (tentative)
1/13/24	Sno-Ball Dance 6:30 pm (high school)
1/15/24	Teacher In-Service Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2/6/24	School Board Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (tentative)
2/7/24	National Signing Day (Athletics)
2/13/24	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
2/19/24	Teacher In-Service Day NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
3/4/24	Teacher In-Service Day NO SCHOOL Kindergarten Registration NL Drama Club Senior Citizen Performance 1:00 pm Harlan A. Daubert Performing Arts Center
3/5/24	School Board Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
3/7-3/10/24	NL Drama Club Spring Musical Performance(s)
3/12/24	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm



Cancellation of school because of inclement weather or other emergencies will be announced on local radio and television stations. Emergency closings are announced on the following stations:

WGAL-TV – Channel 8
WHP-TV – Channel 21
WHTM-TV – Channel 27
WPMT-TV – Channel 43

Email and Text Alerts are also sent from the district.

Northern Lebanon Vision Statement

"To Inspire Today and Equip for Tomorrow"

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Northern Lebanon Mission Statement

"It is the mission of NLSD to provide a learning environment that empowers our students to discover and pursue their educational interests and prepare them with solid academic skills to achieve their aspirations and make a positive impact in their communities."

Code of Ethics

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Courage
- Loyalty
- Courtesy
- Perseverance
- Fairness
- Respect
- Honesty
- Responsibility



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