

Northern Potter Middle School News

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Class News



English Language Arts-

In ELA, both grade levels have recently finished the reading of their first fiction novel. 7th grade is currently working on learning how to organize a compare contrast essay in which they are comparing text to film. In grade 8, students are working on a narrative writing piece related to the fiction text. They will soon begin a nonfiction unit that relates directly to the fiction text. This will allow them to observe how various authors portray similar events.

Math-

Math 7 students are finishing a unit on integer operations and beginning to solve equations. Math 8 students are solving multi-step equations. Recently, 7B and 8B students competed in an IU9 Sumdog Competition. 7B placed first and 8B placed second in the IU9 competition. We are Panther proud of our students striving to win while improving math skills.

Science-

Life Science has been working on a unit of genetics and are practicing probability with monohybrid and dihybrid Punnett Squares. We have just finished with autosomal traits and now are starting work with X-linked traits such as hemophilia and color blindness. Our next endeavor is to start work on generational pedigree charts.

Earth Science is currently working on renewable resources and the formation and sustainability of each of them. We will be starting the water cycle in the next chapter.

Social Studies-

Social Studies students have been learning about the formation of Pennsylvania and the legacy of William Penn. Students in geography have been busy mapping the United States and learning both states and capitals. All classes continue to read *I Will Always Write Back*. Students raised \$150 to send to a program set up by Martin Ghandu (the main character in the book) called Seeds of Africa. Education for students living in Zimbabwe is difficult. Many young people are only able to afford a 5th grade education. With the support of Caitlin's family (from Hatfield, PA) Martin was able to finish all of his courses and exams and attend college at Villanova University. The Seeds of Africa program is working to build an education center in Zimbabwe. We are currently working to bring Caitlin to Northern Potter Middle School to celebrate a "Day of Diversity".



Northern Potter Middle School's 4th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Please join us on November 3rd from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. for our annual Holiday Bazaar. The money raised from this event will be used for the students' field trip at the end of the year. This year, we have nearly 40 vendors set up for your holiday shopping needs. While you are here, check out the amazing donations in our Chinese Auction, and pick up some delicious baked goods. For lunch, we will be serving meatball subs, white chicken chili, and pizza. For more information, check out our event page on Facebook: Northern Potter Middle School Holiday Bazaar. We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Hamilton Speaks at WWII Museum

Mrs. Hamilton was invited to speak at the World War II Museum about her journey through Poland. She spoke along side Holocaust survivor Grigory Shershnevsky. There were over 100 attendees at Holocaust Education Day and Mrs. Hamilton is working with the Museum to bring a speaker in from Yad Vashem and a Holocaust Survivor for a Holocaust Education Day for those interested. Save the Date: March 29, 2019.



Important Dates

November 3- Holiday Bazaar 10-2
November 8- Parent Teacher Conferences/Students Early Release
November 21- Early Release
November 22-November 26- No School- Thanksgiving Break

NoPo Students Attend FFA Nationals

On October 23rd through the 26th, several middle school students, along with high school students and chaperones, traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the FFA National Convention. While there, students visited the Indianapolis Speedway, saw Garth Brooks in concert, visited a zoo, and participated in many other fun activities. They visited information booths and vendors to learn about the importance of agriculture and farming. There were also booths from colleges for students to visit. They were able to watch various demonstrations throughout their trip as well.

Riley Thompson said, “My favorite part of the trip was probably going go-carting. We didn’t have the best seats for Garth Brooks, but the guys in our group who got to go up front touched him. They got guitar picks with FFA on them. That was cool.”

Maura Hess added that she also enjoyed go-carting and laser tag.

“Garth Brooks was the best,” Raymond Erway said.

These students worked hard to raise money to attend the National Convention. Additionally, Mrs. Miles is to be commended for bringing these opportunities to our students.



Family Consumer Science Den

In the Family Consumer Science Den Rotation, students have learned many skills needed for life. The first rotation is pictured learning how to hem. They also sewed on a button in this unit. The current rotation is working on learning how to count back change.



Enrichment Students Travel to Mars

Recently, Enrichment students in the Middle and High School travelled to Allegany, New York to the Challenger Learning Center. While there, students took on roles in ground control and space craft on a mission to Mars. The ground control and space craft crew had to communicate with each other through headsets to solve problems and to return the astronauts successfully to Earth.



They also worked in groups of four to build and launch rockets. The rocket that went the farthest was designed and constructed by AJ Herring, Miguel Colon, Jenny Williamson, and Madison Metzger. They received a “check” for ten billion dollars for their rocket design.



The students came back to school excited to share what they learned and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. A big thank you to Ms. Straub and Ms. Szymanik for giving our students the opportunity to travel to the Red Planet.

