

Northern Potter Middle School News

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Issue 2

Class News

English Language Arts-

7th grade students are finalizing their fiction unit and concluding their reading of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. They will soon watch the movie and will learn how to write a compare contrast paper.

English 8 students are deep into their study of historical fiction and the reading of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. They are following the Logan family through their experiences in the Jim Crow Era. Students will end the unit with a narrative writing piece.

Math-

Math 7 students are continuing to work with the number system unit. They have learned about place value, expressions, and equations. They are also beginning to work with integers.

In Math 8, students are also working on the number system. They are learning how to classify numbers as rational or irrational, and are reviewing rational number operations. They are also approximating square roots and learning exponent properties.

Science-

In Life Science, 7th graders are doing microscopy labs with hay infusion to search for microbes. We are also working with photosynthesis and respiration.

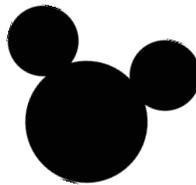
In Earth Science, 8th graders are finishing the unit on rocks. In this unit, they conducted labs to distinguish between different minerals.

Social Studies-

The Middle School Social Studies Department is staying busy. In the classroom, the 8th graders are learning about the native people that inhabited our great state before statehood and before European settlement.

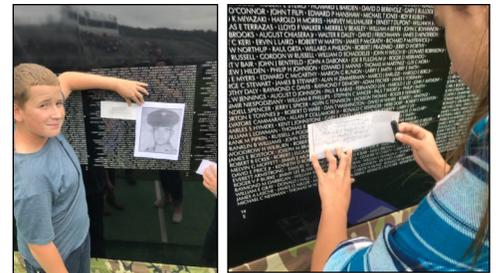
The 7th graders have worked through the basics of physical geography and are now studying human geography. In the next week, they will start to tour the United States of America, and then passport projects begin as we fly to foreign countries both near and far.

7th graders are working on a variety of projects in Project Based Learning including the construction of various places around the world (see pictures at right and on page 2). Currently they are working on mobiles, gathering information about various states across our beautiful country.



Visiting the Moving Wall

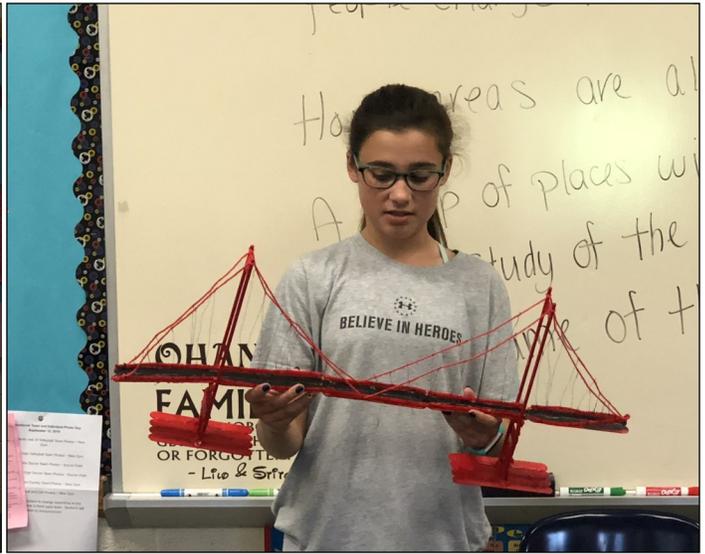
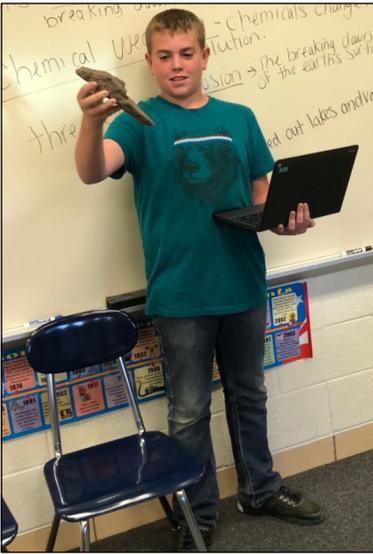
One of the most memorable learning opportunities this month came when students traveled to Coudersport to see the moving Vietnam Wall. The students spent a week in the social studies classroom learning about the Vietnam War and watching testimony from soldiers who fought. Each student headed to the wall with a face, name, and coordinates. Forty students had stories to go with those faces. When we arrived at the wall, those forty students, along with the middle school teachers, conducted a beautiful memorial service, and a wreath was placed at the wall on behalf of the Northern Potter Middle School. Every single veteran at the wall that morning was moved to tears. One Veteran at the wall noted, "I was very proud to see that the Northern Potter School was the only school to bring such honor to our deceased and KIA Vietnam Vets."



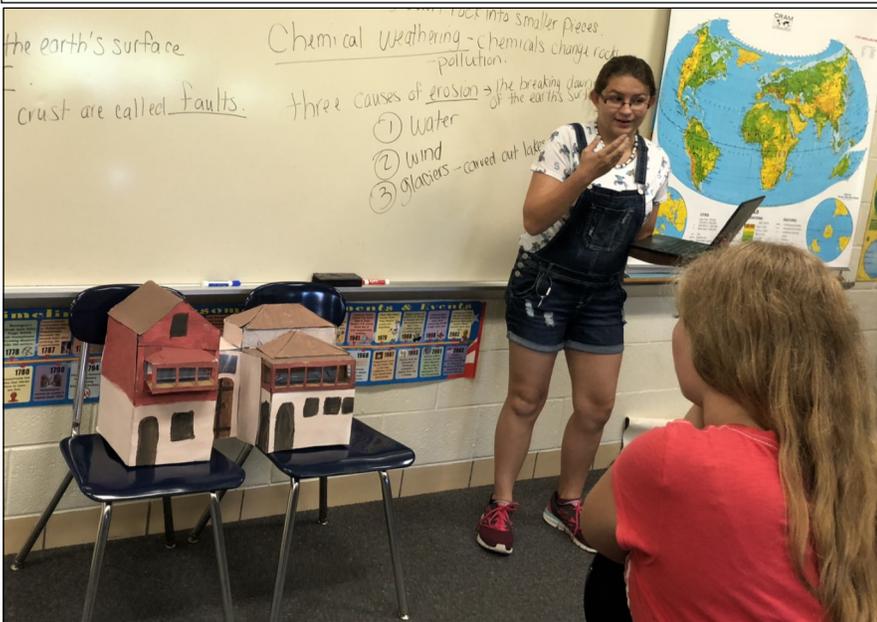
Important Dates

- October 8– No School for Students
- October 19– Teen Conference
- October 25– Early Release for Students/ End of First 9 Weeks
- October 26– Fall Break-No School
- November 3– Holiday Bazaar





Mrs. Hamilton's PBL students presenting architecture around the world



Mrs. LaBarron's DEN Build Teamwork Skills with K'NEX

In Mrs. LaBarron's Den rotation, students are currently learning how to work together to achieve a goal. They are using K'NEX to follow step-by-step directions to build a product. Next, they will have to work together to come up with their own projects without directions to accomplish a goal. This will take teamwork to plan and develop. It will also build communication skills among team members, as they will need to reach agreements and rely on each other to create a successful product to accomplish their goal. Pictured with step-by-step projects are Deven McClune, CJ Clark, and Nick Wright.



4th Annual Holiday Bazaar Coming Soon

Our 4th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 3, 2018. We are currently seeking vendors and Chinese Auction donations. If you are interested or know someone who would like to be a vendor, please contact Mrs. Pomeroy at apomeroy@northernpottersd.org. Additionally, if you are willing to donate to the Chinese Auction, please send items with your child.

All money raised at the Holiday Bazaar will be used to offset the cost for each student for the annual Middle School field trip.

Please find the event "Northern Potter Middle School Holiday Bazaar" on Facebook and like, share, and invite to help us spread the word!