

NorthWood in the Middle

Spelling Bee



On Tuesday, January 31, 2017 thirty-two spellers participated in NorthWood Middle School's Spelling Bee. After eight rounds, only five spellers remained: Nick Pressler (7th grade), Regina Schwartz (8th grade), Gabbi Vincent (7th grade), Ellie Wenz (6th grade), and Preston Roa (8th grade). Spellers impressively spelled words like *outré*, *netsuke*, *a posteriori*, and *pugnacious* to stay in the competition. Ellie and Preston fought through twenty rounds before Preston correctly spelled "exponentially" to be named Bee Champion. Special thanks goes to our guest pronouncer, Cody Collier, of the WFRN morning show.



Gabbi Vincent, Ellie Wenz, and Preston Roa

Spelling Bee participants included: Ellie Wenz, Maryssa Heckathorn, Daniel Medina, Dajuan Ware, Seltic Seybert, Brady Hartman, Ethan Mestach, Gabbi Vincent, Cole Davis, Markuz Piercy, Andrew Myers, Brenden Blosser, Donna McKeehan, Nick Pressler, Kaleb Eberle, Janyse Barrera-Zelaya, Lindsey Graber, Jade Montano, RAYANNE YODER, Adelle Polhemus, Victor Carnegie, Luke Miller, Montana Green, Owen Miller, Katie Wenz, Lauren Foster, Eva Sloat, Mackenzie Dominy, Regina Schwartz, Preston Roa, Braxton Burnworth, Alyssa Freed, and Aryn Phillips.

Doctor Appointments



With Valentine's Day approaching, please remember that balloon and flower bouquets are not permitted on the buses. Students with bouquets will need to be picked up from school.

Q: Why does the school require parent/guardian notes when a student must leave during the day?

A: By sending in a note the office can issue a pass for a student to be dismissed from class.

Q: Why does that matter?

A: This allows for less disruption in the classroom.

Q: What if the parent/guardian doesn't know about the appointment until after school starts?

A: If sending in a note is not feasible the office will call into the classroom to dismiss the student. (This added disruption is not ideal, but we understand it may be unavoidable at times.) The parent/guardian will then need to come in and sign out the student.

Q: Besides being the least disruptive option, is there any other benefit to sending in a note?

A: Yes. A student with a note can sign themselves out and be waiting for their parent/guardian at the door.

Counselors' Corner



•ISTEP Information:

-As you plan family vacations and appointments keep our ISTEP testing windows in mind: **Feb 29—March 10 and April 17—May 5**. Please make sure that your student is present for all of the school-wide testing dates so that he/she takes ISTEP in the best possible environment and does not receive a "Did Not Pass" score because of any missed sections.

-The state has launched a web-based version of ISTEP+ Online that allows students and parents to see and take a sample test. All of the tools and features that students will see and use on the ISTEP+ are a part of this site. This is a great way for students to become familiar with ISTEP+ Online so that they can do their best on the days of the test. You are invited to visit <http://learnoas.ctb.com/ISTEP/> to access "Experience ISTEP+ Online."

Helpful Hints: An official user login and password are **not** needed to participate. When you go to the webpage click the link for "Grades 6-8" review the instructions and click "Start the test." When you get to the login page do not enter a username or password—just click "Log in."

Amber Lawmaster (Counselor for students with last names A-L)

Abigail Zahner (Counselor for students with last names M-Z)

In preparation for ISTEP testing, here are some "Helpful Hints":

- 1) Get a good night's sleep.
- 2) Set your clock a little early to avoid having to rush in the morning.
- 3) If you wear glasses, clean them, and don't forget to wear them.
- 4) Think positively about the test—a positive attitude counts double!
- 5) Listen and watch carefully while instructions are being given.
- 6) If you don't understand the directions ask questions *immediately* before the test begins.
- 7) Eliminate answers which you know are wrong then check the remaining responses for key words.
- 8) If you complete your test with time left be sure to go back and check your work.
- 9) Eat a good breakfast and lunch.
- 10) Make a commitment to do your BEST!

*****Important Dates for 8th Graders*****

Monday, February 6 @ 6:30 P.M......Student/Parent Freshmen information meeting at NWHS

Thursday, February 9.....NWHS counselors @ NWMS for scheduling presentations in LA classes

Friday, February 10.....NWHS counselors @ NWMS for scheduling presentations in LA classes

Monday, February 13 @ 3:30-6:00 P.M......Q&A session for 8th grade parents and students at NWHS

These are individual sessions on a first come, first serve basis.

Friday, February 17.....All Freshmen registration packets due to NorthWood High School

IMPORTANT SCHOOL SAFETY/CLOSINGS/DELAYS/EMERGENCIES

This is a reminder to sign-up or double check your preferences for the ReGroup alert system. You can log-in or register by following this link: <http://www.wanee.org/SchoolSafety.aspx>

Wa-Neer utilizes ReGroup broadcast information regarding emergencies, delays, closings, cancellations, and more via email, text, or voice messaging.



Athletic Schedules (All games start at 4:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

February

4	8th B-team Lincoln Tourney	T @ 9:00 A.M.
6	A-team vs. Edgewood-8th first	H @ 4:45 P.M.
7	A-team vs. Schmucker	T @ 5:00 P.M.
9	8th grades vs. Northridge	H @ 5:00 P.M.
9	7th grades vs. Northridge	T @ 5:00 P.M.
11	8th A-team Willow Creek Invtl	T @ 8:30 A.M.
14	A-team vs. John Young	H @ 5:00 P.M.
14	B-team vs. John Young	H @ 5:00 P.M.
16	A-team vs. Jimtown	T
16	B-team vs. Goshen	H @ 5:00 P.M.
21	A-team vs. West Side	H
21	B-team vs. Bethany Christian	T
23	A-team vs. Concord	H
23	B-team vs. Concord	H
28	A-team vs. Discovery	H @ 5:00 P.M.
28	B-team vs. Bremen	H @ 5:00 P.M.

March

2	A-team vs. North Side	H
4	B-team Big 11 Tourney Concord	T @ TBA
6	A-team Big 11 round 1—BYE	T @ TBA
7	A-team Big 11 round 2	T @ TBA
9	A-team Big 11 round 3	T @ TBA
14	A-team Big 11 Finals Northside	T @ TBA



WRESTLING



February

4	Archer Super Dual @ Discovery	T @ 8:15 A.M.
6	Wawasee	H
7	Schmucker	H @ 5:00 P.M.
14	John Young	T @ 5:00 P.M.
16	Lakeview	H
21	West Side	T
25	Super Dual @ Fairfield	T @ 9:00 A.M.
28	Discovery	T @ 5:00 P.M.

March

4	Big 11 Varsity Finals	8:00 A.M. @ Mishawaka High School
7	Big 11 JV Finals	H @ 5:00 P.M.

WA-NEE WAVES SWIM TEAM



February

28	Elkhart East	H
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March

2	Goshen	T
9	Northridge	T
16	Concord	T
22	Big 11 Finals @ Northridge	
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February **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

4	ISSMA Vocal Solo & Ensemble @ Fairfield Jr/Sr High
6	Cronkright—Anne Frank Field Trip 8:05-11:45 AM
6	Freshmen Registration, 6:30 P.M. @ NWHS
7	Persing—Anne Frank Field Trip 8:05-11:45 AM
9-10	NWHS counselors visit 8th grade Language Arts classes regarding Freshmen scheduling
13	Reed—Anne Frank Field Trip 8:05-11:45 AM
13	8th grade parent Q&A for Freshmen registration 3:30-6:00 @ NWHS
17	Freshmen scheduling packets <u>due to NWHS</u>
20	Presidents' Day—No School (snow make-up day)

March

10	End of third grading period*
17	ISSMA Band Large Group @ Penn HS
24	<i>Peter Pan</i> musical; NWMS @ 7:00 P.M.
25	<i>Peter Pan</i> musical; NWMS @ 7:00 P.M.

**Report cards will be emailed to parents 2-3 days after the grading period ends. If a parent does not have email the report card will be sent home with the student.*

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