

NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Husky Pride

October/November 2011

Every day, everyone at Northwest Middle School will experience success.

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Upcoming Events

October

- 3 Early Dismissal – 2 hr. 45 min.
- 11 PTO Meeting (8:45 am & 7:00 pm)
- 12 Mock MSA
- 20 Parent Conferences (4:30-8:00 pm)
- 21 No School
- 31 Cancer Awareness Day

November

- 3 Early Dismissal – 2 hr. 45 min.
- 11 Veteran's Day Celebration
- 14 Early Dismissal – 2 hr. 45 min.
- 21 Parent Conferences (4:30-8:00 pm)
Husky Learning Lab Closed
- 22 Husky Learning Lab Closed
- 23-25 No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 28 School Re-Opens

Message from the Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

As the new school year begins to settle in, we have had several exciting things to celebrate. Our Family and Consumer Science program partnered with Taneytown Elementary School for the Farm to Table program. Eight Northwest Middle students prepared various activities for our feeder elementary students to learn about the growing and production of fruits and vegetables. It was a fun and productive day for both schools. Many other students have joined the musical production. They have been working diligently before and after school to learn the music, as well as the script. They already sound outstanding and we look forward to a great show in December.

In addition, the students and staff at Northwest Middle have been awarded the "Gold" award for our PBIS program. This program celebrates all the outstanding characteristics our students exhibit each and every day. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!

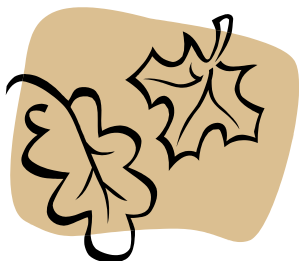
We would also like to recognize Mr. Weller (7th grade mathematics), for being selected Beginner Teacher of the Year for the Maryland Mathematics Council. Congratulations Mr. Weller.

Angela McCauslin

Veteran's Day Celebration

On Friday, November 11, 2011 the staff and students at Northwest Middle School will be hosting our first Veteran's Day Celebration. The celebration will consist of a light breakfast reception, followed by various student performances, a keynote speaker, and other activities to honor veterans in our community. Other students will be working together to create cards to send to our troops abroad in time for the upcoming holidays.

Any current student who has a relative or close family friend who is a veteran is encouraged to invite them to attend this event. An invitation is attached to this newsletter for your use.



Student Corner

5 Study Tips

1. Select a consistent place to study – find a comfortable place and study there on a regular basis.
2. Don't wait until the last minute – get into the habit of studying every night, instead of just the night before the test. A good night's sleep will help you focus.
3. Use your agenda book – keep track of assignments and tests each week.
4. Stay organized throughout the year – keep papers in order in a designated folder or notebook. "Shoving" papers here and there will only make studying more difficult.
5. Ask for help- if you don't understand something, don't be afraid to ask the teacher to help you better understand.

Cancer Awareness Day

On Friday, October 31, 2011 interested students and staff will be participating in Cancer Awareness Day. For \$10 students will receive a "Husky for the Cure" t-shirt and pose for a group photograph for the 2011-12 yearbook. A monetary donation will be made to a community cancer group that supports families who battle cancer.

Kids Helping Kids

Northwest Middle School's Kids Helping Kids Club will be sponsoring Harvest for the Hungry canned food collection from Oct.17th through Nov. 4th. Students may bring their donations and leave them in the boxes placed in the front hall marked for their grade. The grade that brings in the most cans will win an ice cream social.

PLEASE, no outdated cans. Thank you, Kid Helping Kids.

Students participating in "Farm to Table" program at Taneytown Elementary on September 16, 2011.



Career Corner

Top 10 Fastest Growing Careers

Occupation	Employment		Percent Change	Earnings	Training Needed
	2008	2018			
Biomedical Engineers	16,100	27,600	72%	💰 💰 💰 💰	Bachelor's Degree
Home health aides	921,700	1,382,600	50%	💰	Short-term on-the-job training
Personal and home care aides	817,200	1,193,000	46%	💰	Short-term on-the-job training
Financial examiners	27,000	38,100	41%	💰 💰 💰 💰	Bachelor's Degree
Medical scientists	109,400	153,600	40%	💰 💰 💰 💰	Doctoral Degree
Physician Assistants	74,800	103,900	39%	💰 💰 💰 💰	Master's Degree
Skin care specialists	38,800	53,500	38%	💰 💰	Postsecondary vocational award
Biochemists & biophysicists	23,200	31,900	37%	💰 💰 💰 💰	Doctoral Degree
Athletic trainers	16,400	22,400	37%	💰 💰 💰	Bachelor's Degree
Physical Therapist aides	46,100	62,800	36%	💰 💰	Short-term on-the-job training

National Data Source: [Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections](#)

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As globalization and technology continue to expand, new career opportunities arise. Below is a list of ten careers in great demand. The good news is that we have a Career & Technology Education complete program that will help interested students prepare for each one!

1. **Biotechnology Researcher:** Biotechnology researchers study biological organisms, systems, or processes by various industries to learn about the science of life and the improvement of the value of materials and organisms such as pharmaceuticals, crops, and livestock.
(Related CTE Programs: PLTW Biomedical Science and CASE Agriscience)
2. **Cyber Security Specialist:** Computer security specialists help businesses to control access to their computer networks and protect important data stored there.
(Related CTE Program: Cisco Networking Academy)
3. **Data Mining Analyst:** Data mining analysts can extract specific information or patterns from large databases. Data mining can provide answers to questions that were once too time consuming to obtain.
(Related CTE Program: Computer Technology)
4. **E-commerce Marketing Manager:** E-commerce marketing managers are responsible for developing and carrying out plans to help companies take advantage of the marketing and sales opportunities available through the Internet.
(Related CTE Programs: Marketing and Business Administration & Management)
5. **Environmental Engineer:** Environmental engineers strive to solve and prevent environmental problems such as water and air pollution, waste disposal, and public health issues.
(Related CTE Programs: PLTW Engineering & PLTW Biomedical Science)
6. **Forensic Accountant:** Forensic accountants help to unravel and solve crimes through the use of financial information, embezzlement activity records, security fraud, bankruptcies and money laundering.
(Related CTE Programs: Academy of Finance and Accounting)
7. **GIS Technician:** GIS technicians make maps, customized Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications and manipulate data to serve a variety of purposes. They read and interpret maps, manipulate and understand digital land data and manage data entered into a GIS database.
(Related CTE Programs: Geographic Information Systems & Technology and CASE Agriscience)
8. **Physician Assistant:** Physician assistants (PAs) relieve doctors of routine chores, allowing them to devote more of their time to patient care that requires highly specialized training.
(Related CTE Program: Academy of Health Professions)
9. **Social Media Strategist:** Social media workers figure out the best ways to get messages out to the masses using the latest tools online.
(Related CTE Program: Marketing)
10. **Video Game Programmer:** Video game programmers create the software on which the art, animation, script, music, and sound effects run. The software and the coding behind the software are what bring the game to life.
(Related CTE Program: Computer Technology)

In many cases, just as the career fields have recently entered the world of work, note that many of these programs are new to Carroll County Public Schools. Others have been updated to reflect the changes in industry! For more information regarding these programs, be sure to check them out in the High School Program of Studies and Career Planning Guide!

Sources: <http://careers.stateuniversity.com>, <http://moneywatch.bnet.com/>, <http://education-portal.com/>, <http://portal.acs.org/>

Community Corner

Maryland Food Bank

Northwest Middle School has partnered with the Maryland Food Bank to provide assistance to our community members through a food pantry. The food pantry has a variety of items available such as: cereal, soup, juices, canned fruit, and canned vegetables. Community members can access the food pantry on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00pm at the front entrance of the school. All are welcome!

Veteran's Day Celebration

Place: Northwest Middle School

Date: Friday, November 11, 2011

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

The staff and students at Northwest Middle School would like to invite veterans, who are relatives or close family friends of our students, to join us in honoring those who served our country in war or peacetime. We will be serving a light breakfast reception followed by various performances by our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please fill out the information below and return it to Angie McCauslin (Principal), at Northwest Middle School's Main Office by Friday, October 15, 2011.

Veteran's Day Reception Response Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom: _____

Veteran's Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Time in Service: _____

Rank: _____

Relation to student: _____