

# NORTHWEST NEWS

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## Northwest Local School District

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## NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOLS

# RENEWAL

The renewal levy on  
the March 15th ballot  
is a RENEWAL of the  
property levy first passed in 1992.  
Passage of the Renewal  
maintains what we have.



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From left: Steve Jones, John Hexamer, Rita Gearhart, Board President Bruce Beadle and Vice-President Jim Gindlesberger.

## Curriculum News

*Debora Clark, Director of Instruction*

### Third Grade Reading Guarantee Update

Reading is a critical academic skill for all students and the major focus of our K-3 curriculum. Northwest implemented new reading materials at all grade levels last year, and this year we began using a reading and mathematics progress-monitoring tool. The progress-monitoring tool is administered to students three times a year. The data gathered from this tool enables teachers to identify critical areas of need, adjust instructional practices and provide reading and mathematics interventions as needed.

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee requires that all third-grade students obtain a minimum score on the state reading test to move on to fourth grade. During the 2015-2016 school year, third-grade students took the ELA assessment in December, and the scores will arrive in the district in February. Students will have a second opportunity to attain a passing score during the spring administration of the Grade 3 ELA test in April. The results of the spring test will be released by June 30, 2016.

The Third Grade Reading Guarantee legislation also permits districts to administer an alternate assessment, selected by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), to third-graders. The progress-monitoring tool that Northwest uses is one of the alternate assessments on ODE's approved list. Northwest administers the progress-monitoring tool three times per year (Fall, Winter and Spring). Any third-grader who

does not pass the state's ELA assessment but obtains a passing score on the alternate assessment will be promoted to fourth grade.

While the district ensures that we meet all of the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee legislation, our main focus is to ensure that our students develop strong reading skills and are able to apply those skills to all academic content areas. **If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact their classroom teacher or building principal.**

### District State Report Card Information

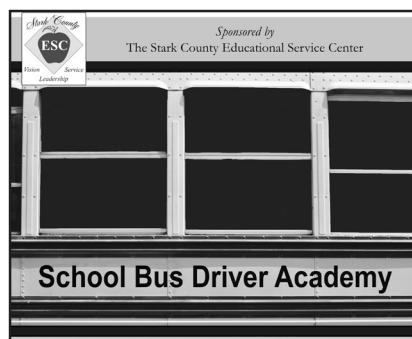
The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the first round of the 2015 state report card data for all school districts in the state. The second round of data will be released in mid-to-late February. While Ohio is transitioning to new state assessments for a second year in a row, the data from last year's assessments will be analyzed to provide insight on how our students are progressing academically in comparison to their peers across the state as well as identifying any instructional gaps that may exist in our current academic curriculum.

### School Bus Driver Academy

The Stark County Educational Service Center is sponsoring a county-wide initiative to attract individuals to a career in bus driving.

The Academy will begin June 20, 2016 and run through July 8, 2016. The academy will walk applicants through the process of becoming a school bus driver. Applicants will complete BCI / FBI background checks, pre-employment drug screen, physical, school bus driver training, facilitation of commercial driver's license (CDL), and 12 hours or more of on-bus instruction.

Interested applicants must be 18 years of age, pass background checks, physical, and pre-employment drug screen prior to start of classes, and have a satisfactory driving record. The desired outcome for participants is to gain employment in a Stark County school district as a bus driver. For more information or to register please contact Laura Hagy at 330-492-8136 by **May 1, 2016.**



### Annual Community Day is Safe Kids Day 2016

Each year nearly 11,000 Stark County children are treated in area emergency rooms for injuries that could have been prevented. On **Sunday, April 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** parents and their children can learn how to be safe at Safe Kids Day which will be at Northwest High School.

Safe Kids Day is brought to you by the Stark County Health Department, Safe Kids Stark County, Canal Fulton Chamber and Northwest Local Schools.

# RENEWAL / LEVY

At its November 2015 meeting, the Northwest Local School District Board of Education voted to place a renewal levy on the March 15, 2016, ballot.

## Key Points to Remember

### 1. This is the Renewal of an Existing Levy.

- This is a renewal of a levy that will simply maintain the \$1.5 million that is currently being collected from a property tax levy that was passed in 1992.
- This levy has been renewed every five years and the millage reduced every year since that time.
- This levy would last ten years.
- This is simply a continuation of the financial plan that has already been put in place and endorsed by the Independent Financial Oversight Committee.

### 2. The Renewal Levy Maintains What We Have.

- Passing this renewal levy will keep the Northwest Local Schools out of debt, according to the five year forecast.
- It would also allow the district to maintain its current operations and programs.
- State deficits and cuts are looming.

### 3. This Renewal Levy is for Operating Money.

- This renewal has nothing to do with building construction.
- This money is used to maintain day to day operations.

## Renewal of the March 15th Operating Levy

### What a “Yes” Vote Means and What a “No” Vote Means

**Renewal:** A renewal is a continuation of an existing tax. This March 15th renewal levy has passed every (5) years since 1992. **It is a renewal, not a new tax.**

### What a “Yes” Vote Means

- Will keep the Northwest Local School District intact
- Will implement the community-driven Strategic Plan
- Will keep the athletic programs in place
- Will stop staff reductions
- Will maintain highly qualified teachers in every classroom
- Will mean a 21st Century Learning Environment
- Will not reduce class size
- Will not provide for field trips
- Will not reduce student school fees
- Will not subsidize summer school

### What a “No” Vote on March 15th Means

- NO MEANS increased class size
- NO MEANS beginning a Northwest Local financial downward spiral
- NO MEANS Northwest will become an entirely different school because “excellence” will take a backseat to survival
- NO MEANS a possible reduction in extracurricular activities
- NO MEANS residents with children will leave the district to find programs and services they need
- NO MEANS an education that is based on minimum standards, a minimum program during the minimum school day.

### Did You Know?

The Ohio Department of Education recently released data about the high schools in Stark County:

*“Thursday’s results (released by the Ohio Department of Education) included a new measure that reflects college-going rates for school districts. Using figures from colleges and universities that were reported to the National Student Clearinghouse, the state calculated the percent of 2012 graduates who enrolled in college within two years of their graduation.*

***For 13 of Stark County’s 17 public school districts, that figure was 50 percent or more. The Northwest Local School District saw the highest percentage of college-going students at 81.3.”***

— From *The Canton Repository*  
January 15, 2016



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **Is this a new levy?** No, this is the renewal of an operating levy passed originally in 1992.
2. **What is the millage?** The original millage in 1992 was 12.8 mills. Thanks to the growth of our community, the millage is now only 6.1 mills.
3. **Why is it called an emergency levy?**  
Because the levy is a renewal, it must by law carry the original wording used in 1992. Longtime residents of the community who remember the school district's financial situation at that time will agree that the passage of the levy was truly an emergency 24 years ago.
4. **How much money is raised by the levy renewal?**  
\$1.5 million, which is 7.9 percent of our general fund.
5. **Is this a property tax or an income tax?**  
This is a renewal of an existing property tax.
6. **Why does the school district need this levy?**  
It allows us to maintain our current operations and programs.
7. **Is the levy endorsed by The Independent Finance Committee?**  
Yes, the Independent Finance Committee has reviewed the five-year forecast and determined that renewing the 1992 operating levy is important to the district's financial stability.
8. **Class sizes were not to be reduced following the renewal of the operating levy, but I know there are smaller classes.**  
We did not reduce class size because of finances, we did alter the number of classes at certain grade levels but it was based on enrollment numbers rather than finances. The average number of students in classes has remained in the 26 – 32 range.

9. **How does Northwest compare to other school districts in Stark County in relation to per pupil expenditures?**  
Northwest is third from the bottom. Only Tuslaw and Minerva spend less. (see chart to the right)

Canton Local SD	11,403
Canton City SD	10,647
Massillon City SD	10,296
Alliance City SD	10,228
Marlington Local SD	9,897
North Canton City SD	9,528
Sandy Valley Local SD	9,422
Osnaburg Local SD	9,361
Fairless Local SD	9,115
Perry Local SD	8,991
Plain Local SD	8,848
Lake Local SD	8,824
Louisville City SD	8,701
Jackson Local SD	8,566
<b>Northwest Local SD</b>	<b>7,959</b>
Tuslaw Local SD	7,809
Minerva Local SD	7,566

- 10.**Is the operating levy renewal a permanent levy?**  
No, the operating levy is a ten-year renewal.

- 11.**Why is Northwest Local still independent and not in an athletic league?**  
The district was approved to join the Principal's Athletic Conference (PAC) beginning with the 2017-2018 school year .

- 12.**Who will this levy benefit?**  
The entire community! **Property owners** who wish to see their home values remain strong. **Families** that crave stability. **Business owners** that need a vibrant community confident of its future. Most importantly, **the children.**



## Independent Finance Committee endorses passage of the Renewal of the Emergency Levy

The Independent Finance Committee has given their endorsement to the Renewal of the Emergency Levy that was first passed in 1992. The committee met Saturday, January 23, to discuss the district's financial situation. Based upon their review of the financial status of the district and the five-year forecast, members agreed that a renewal was important to maintain the current programming. Committee members present at the meeting included **Ben Easterling, Marvin Hardgrove, Marge Loretto, Dian Mollet, Larry Murgatroyd, and Kay Stephan. Jim Kunkle, Dr. Ajay Nair and Steve Ries** are also members, but were unable to attend due to a conflict with their schedules.



## Ski Club

This year’s Ski Club has gotten off to a great start. Eight students have trekked through the snowy hills up to Boston Mills Ski Resort for the past two weeks, and the cold hasn’t bothered them one bit! Decked out in complete snowsuits, layers of gloves, scarves, and hats, these students have taken classes at varying ability levels to improve their skills on the slopes. The classes are offered throughout the evening and are taught by Boston Mills staff. The staff has been nothing less than impressed with Northwest Middle School. With three more weeks to ski, these eight students are eager to continue their adventure and meet up with other Ski Clubs from the area who visit Boston Mills on Wednesdays, too. There are still three weeks left to join in on the fun and make your winter just a little bit more exciting. If you’re craving the snow, Boston Mills has it all. See Mrs. Nichols or Mrs. Ventosa if you would like to be a part of our group.

## Middle School Band News

**Madison Cheshire**, eighth-grader, and **Airabella Stewart**, a seventh grader, performed in the Bowling Green State Universities Middle School Honors Band Festival in November.

Seventh-graders **Ian Donohue**, **Ryan Moellendick**, **Rachel Finefrock**, **Kiersten Lawrence**, and **Cassie Stewart** have been selected to participate in the OMEA District 8 Middle School Honors Band at Mt. Union College this coming February.

Also, the **NWMS eighth-grade band** will be performing at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and then attending a Cleveland Orchestra Concert at Severance Hall on February 20.

## Middle School Honor Roll

Acosta, Jocelyn	Glass, Taylor	Quezada, Nicolas
Adkins, Emily	Glinsky, Megan	Rawson, Malik
Ailiff, Morgan	Goddard, Alex	Ridenour, Nicholas
Aneshansel, Brady	Hamad, Malia	Ritchey, Emma
Armstead, Darren	Harbaugh, Sidney	Robinson, Eileen
Barabasch, Madison	Harness, Davin	Roncaglione, Aidan
Barnes, Emma	Harter, Peyton	Rood, Jack
Barrett, Brooke	Hollenbaugh, Jessica	Rouse, William
Bauer, McKenna	Hughes, Sarah	Rowles, Robyn
Began, Payton (McKinzie)	Huscusson, Nathan	Rusk, Katelyn
Bender, Natalie	Huth, Mary Grace	Sanchez, Marisa
Berry, Jayden	Hutzell, Dean	Sandoval, Hailey
Bloom, Nathan	Hyrne, Ethan	Shackelford, Paige
Bowman, Nathaniel	Jansen, Shiann	Shanor, Jack
Brockmeyer, Avery	Jones, Alayna	Sharrer, Abby
Carpenter, Kendall	Joyner, Richard	Sickman, Chloe
Cheshire, Madison	Jubara, Abigail	Sigrist, Lauren
Chumita, Cailin	Kager, Luke	Smith, Connor
Conyers, Josie	Kapper, Sophie	Smith, Heidi
Corbin, Taylor	Keith, Amanda	Smith, Jacobi
Corl, Morgan	King, Maria	Smith, Jayla
Corrin, Alexis	Kovacs, Brooke	Smith, Nicholas
Cottrill, Kylee	Kraft, Kennedy	Sokolowski, Colin
Craney, Meghan	Kremer, Maria	Spradling, Carly
Cudnik, Riley	Kuhn, Caroline	Stackhouse, Carson
Culp, Kamryn	Kurz, Zachary	Stewart, Cassie
Cunningham, Kate	LaFay, Elora	Storesina, Jade
Cunningham, Mathew (Owen)	Lantz, Amber	Stough, Natalie
Dangelo, Maria	Lawrence, Kelsey	Strong, Tylor
Decker, Alexis	Lawrence, Kiersten	Sweet, Austin
Deiningner, Rachel	Lewis, Emma	Swogger, Megan
Doherty, Michael	Lower, Bayleigh	Swope, Nathan
Dolensky, Leeann	Lower, Morgan	Thouvenin, Kathy
Donaldson, Austin	Luhring, Kyle	Trompower, Kiersten
Donohue, Ian	Marecek, Jordan	Vargo, Kami
Ellis, Olivia	Matisak, William	Villers, Grace
Feaser, Natalie	McAvinew, O’rion	Walsh, Zoey
Fetterman, Mary	McKelroy, Patrick	Wise, Lillian
Fightmaster, Taylor	Miller, Skylar	Woodall Macquaide, Gracie
Finney, Joseph	Moellendick, Ryan	Woodrum, Hayley
Flickinger, Katherine	Murillo, Olivia	Worker, Brandyn
Followay, Briana	Nair, Alivia	Zellers, Madison
Foulk, Marina	Nair, Ashton	Zink, Benjamin
Galley, Kara	Ovendorf, Julie	Zito, Kairalee
Garside, Emily	Owsiany, Paige	
Giroux, Allison	Paydock, Mary	
	Popovic, Katelynn	



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	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER				
SIXTH GRADE	 <i>Jayla Smith</i>	 <i>Zach Kurz</i>	 <i>Brooke Barrett</i>	 <i>Aidan Roncaglione</i>	 <i>Payton Harter</i>	 <i>Nathan Bloom</i>	 <i>Marisa Sanchez</i>	 <i>Alex Prexta</i>
SEVENTH GRADE	 <i>Jordan Marecek</i>	 <i>Timmy Sheehan</i>	 <i>Briana Followay</i>	 <i>Malik Rawson</i>	 <i>Riley Cudnik</i>	 <i>Noah Lovett</i>	 <i>Chloe Barcheck</i>	 <i>Luke Kager</i>
EIGHTH GRADE	 <i>Audrey Aneshansel</i>	 <i>Darren Armstead</i>	 <i>Zoe Soles</i>	 <i>Colin Houser</i>	 <i>Jessica Sampsel</i>	 <i>Mason Goliath</i>	 <i>Jade Storesina</i>	 <i>Joey Finney</i>

## Middle School Student Recognition

Northwest Middle School teachers select one boy and one girl from each grade level each month to recognize them for being exemplary students. We also ask the teachers to base their selections upon the following criteria:

1. Accepts responsibility and is trustworthy

2. Respects authority, knows rules and abides by them

3. Respected by others and is honest and fair
4. Does more than is required and is dependable

5. Has shown unusual improvement in any one or more of the above qualities

All of these students and their families are invited to attend a banquet in May celebrating their achievement.

## “JEOPARDY!”

If you tuned in to watch “Jeopardy!” a few months ago, you may have spotted a familiar face: Northwest High School alumna, Joyce Hshieh.

After graduating from The Theatre School at DePaul University with a BFA in acting, Joyce is an actor and a writer. A few years ago she starred in an independent film co-written and co-directed by Northwest graduate, Wrion Bowling and his college friend, Adam Caudill. The film, Shelter is available on DVD and available to stream on Hulu and Amazon Prime. She also works for a company called The Warranty Group, which is located in Chicago.

Participating in trivia nights in a pub in Chicago led to Joyce’s journey to be on “Jeopardy!” “What’s strange is that I was a relatively new fan of the show. I think being good at Jeopardy was an unexpected byproduct of me generally being a curious person. I love to learn, and I read a lot. I started watching “Jeopardy!” on a regular basis because I had been going to a pub trivia night with some friends, and I thought it would help improve my game. I quickly fell in love with the show, and when it came time for “Jeopardy!” to look for new contestants, I took their online test, more for fun than anything. Several months later I was surprised to see an email inviting me to an audition. At the audition, I and a group of other potential contestants took another test, played a mock game, and did



an interview. They told us that about 75,000 people took the online test, and 3,000 were invited to audition. Of the 3,000 only 400 would get to be on the show that season. Given the odds, I was pretty shocked when I got the call a month later asking me to be on the show.”

Those who know Joyce are not surprised that she prepared diligently for the competition. “I figured this is a once in a lifetime opportunity; I should do everything I can to try to win. Of course it was pretty overwhelming given how wide-ranging the categories on the show can be, but I tried to focus on certain topics I know come up most often, like geography, U.S. presidents, British monarchs and the Bible. It was definitely tough trying to cover as much information as possible in the shortest amount of time. And of course there are other important aspects of the game beyond just knowledge. The buzzer is crucial. I practiced with a pen to get the timing down. I also had to learn wagering strategies for Final Jeopardy. Preparation took a lot out of me!”

Joyce describes the experience of appearing on the show as incredibly surreal: “You’re on that podium and Alex Trebek comes out to the stage, and you just think you’ve got to be dreaming. But then the games go by so fast. It’s all over in a blur.” Joyce’s preparation paid off as she won three games, amassing an impressive total of \$39,403 in winnings.

If you watched Joyce Hshieh on “Jeopardy!” you know that she identified herself as being from Chicago, Illinois. She may say she is from Chicago, but for us she will always be Joyce Hshieh of Canal Fulton. And we suspect her mother, a resident of Canal Fulton, will agree with us.

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

*presents*

# GREASE

*The Musical*

*Northwest High School*

Puffenberger Hall

Entrance "F"

8580 Erie Ave. NW • Canal Fulton, Ohio

**ADVANCE SALE**

**\$10.00 Adult**

**\$8.00 Student & Sr. Cit.**

**Reserved Seating**

**No Refunds**

**ALL tickets**

**\$10.00 at the door.**

*For full details...*

visit our school website:

[www.northwest.sparcc.org](http://www.northwest.sparcc.org)

Please note: This is the original Broadway Script and Score for Grease.  
This is not the school version, therefore we are rating it PG.

**PG**

**Friday, February 26 • 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, February 27 • 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, February 28 • 2:00 pm**

**Please visit the ticket booth in Puffenberger Hall (Entrance F)**

**Saturdays 2/13 & 2/20 from 10 am to 2 pm or evenings 2/11, 2/18, 2/23 & 2/25 from 5 pm - 8 pm  
or call the theatre ticket booth at 330-854-2205 ext. PUFF (7833).**

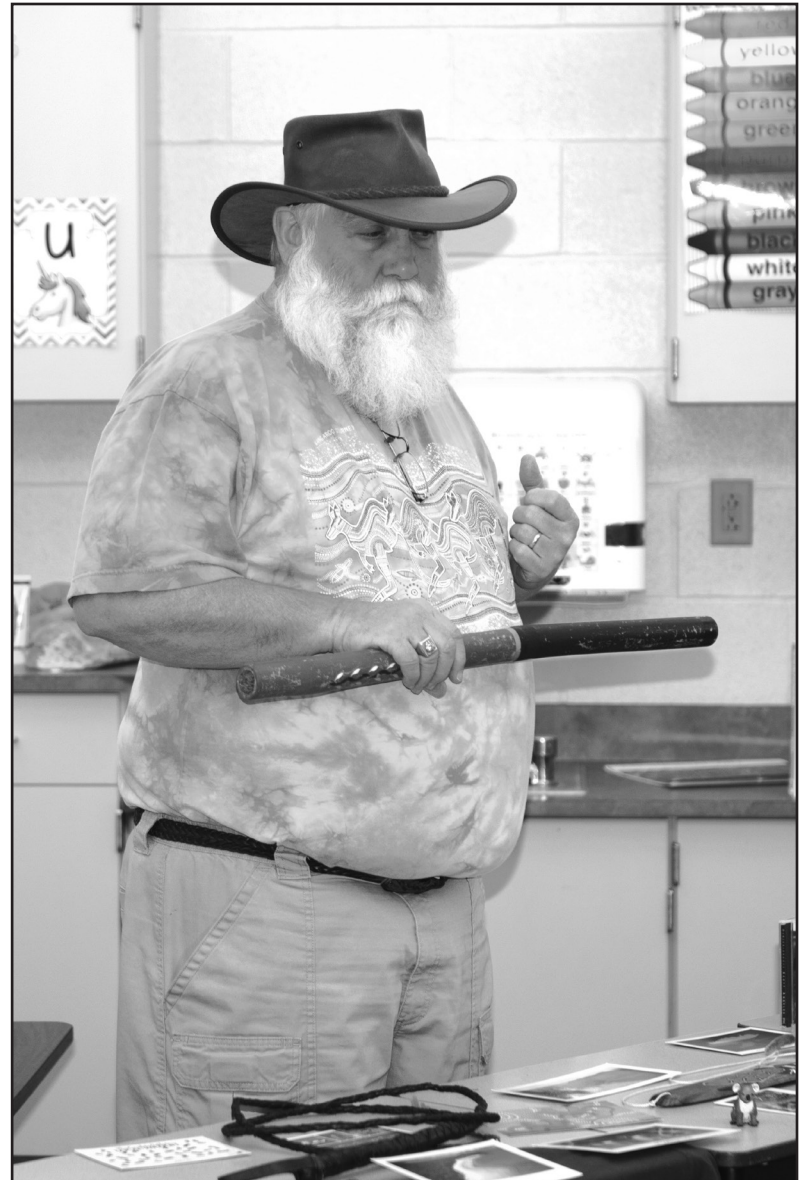
**Tickets may also be purchased at the door one hour before show times based on availability.**

**All tickets at the door are \$10.**



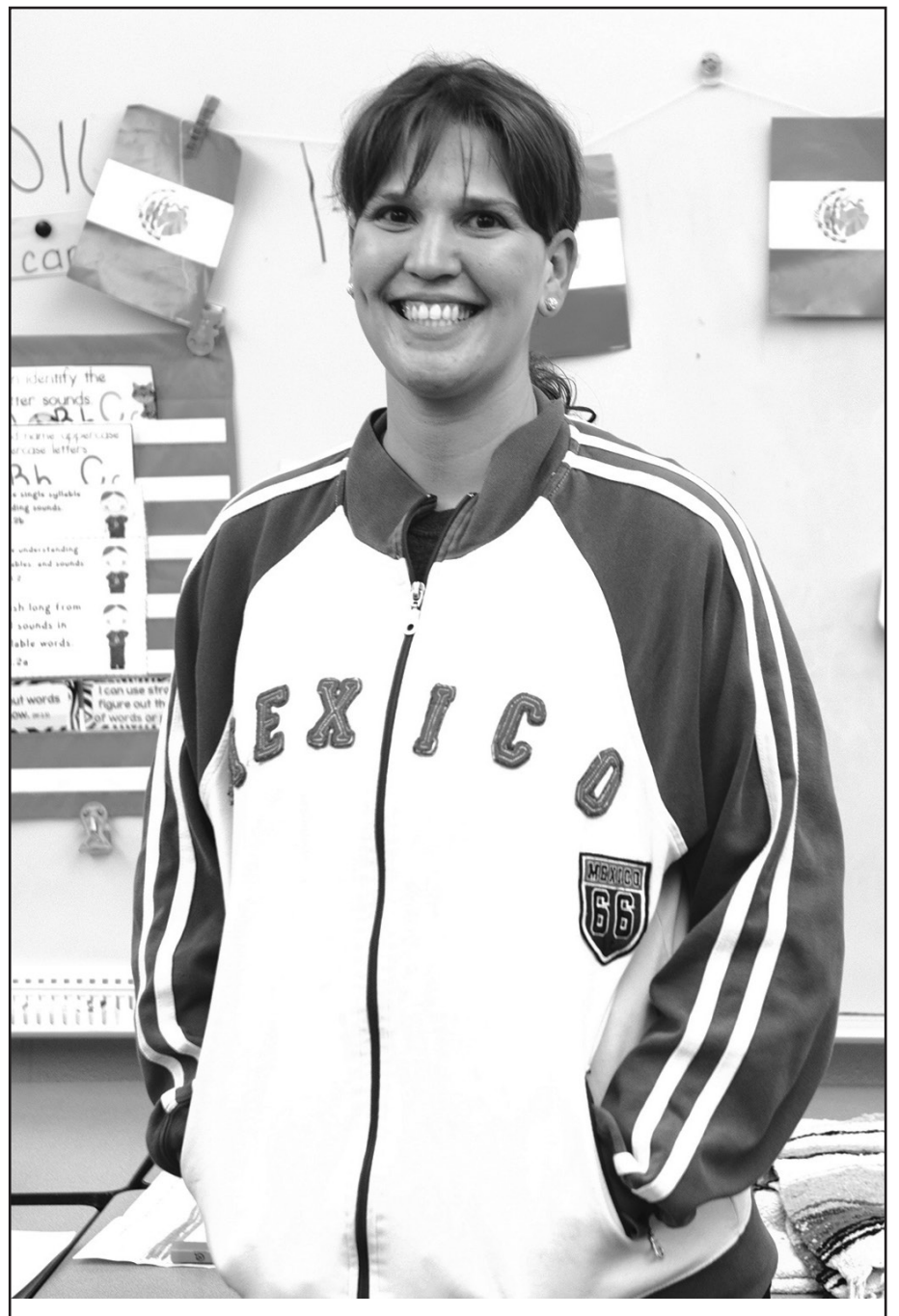
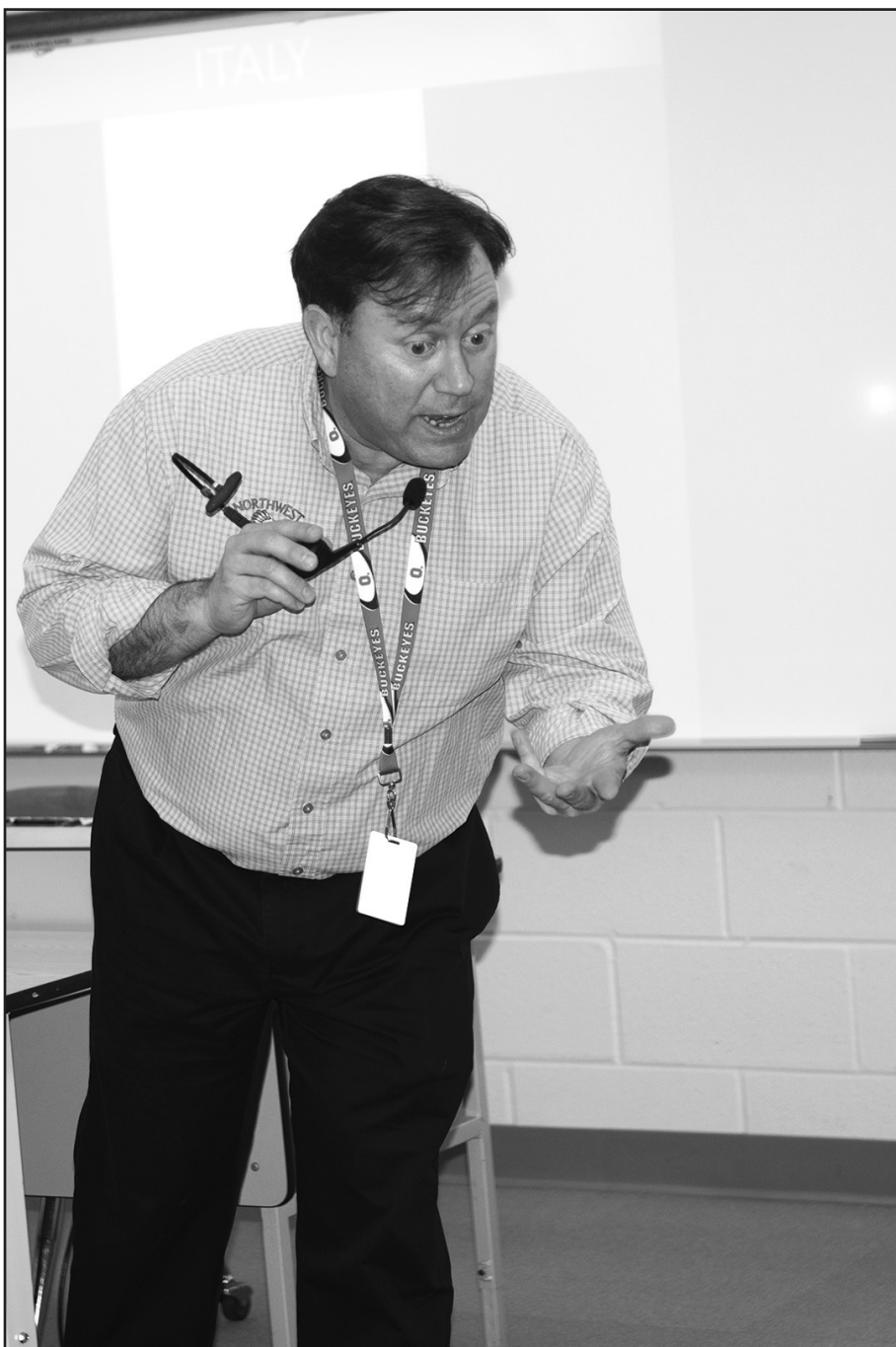
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## Multicultural Day

Northwest Primary School held its annual Multicultural Day, giving the children a better understanding of the culture of different countries and continents. Among those presenting programs to the children were Africa: **Sogbety Diomande**, Australia: **Mr. Mark Perry**, Italy: **Dr. Mike Shreffler** and Mexico: **Mrs. Huston**.



## Northwest Primary Investigation Day Highlights



The students will visit a kindergarten classroom, participate in art, music, and P.E. and enjoy a snack with kindergarteners in our cafeteria.

Date: Friday, March 4th

Time: 9:00 am -10:30 am

Please call 330-854-5405 for reservations.

Unfortunately, no reservations will be accepted after Friday, February 26th.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR  
INVESTIGATION!**

Visitors to any district building will be required to follow these procedures:

- Sign in at the building's main office upon arrival,
- Leave a valid driver's license or state ID with office personnel,
- Obtain and wear a visitor's badge while in the building,
- When leaving the building, please return the visitor's badge to the office, and your driver's license or state ID will be returned.

## Athletic Charitable Committee (ACC)

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

**ACC** – fourth Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at HS Commons

**Runners Club** – third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the middle school in room 153

**Touchdown Club** – first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW

**Takedown Club** – first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW

**Northwest Cheer Association** – first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in HS Home Ec Room

**Lady Indians Basketball Boosters** – second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in MS Library

**Lady Indians Soccer** – third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in HS Commons

**Girls Softball Boosters** – third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Grayce Ann's Family Restaurant

**Diamond Club** – first Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in HS Commons ([www.nwindiansbaseball.com](http://www.nwindiansbaseball.com))



## Northwest Schools Kindergarten Registration

Our district-wide kindergarten registration will be held this year at Northwest Primary School. Please mark your calendars for the following:

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 11, 2016  
12:00 - 8:00 pm**



Please remember to **bring your child**, your child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security number and any court documents regarding your child. Our transportation director, school nurse, principal, kindergarten teachers, and building secretary will be available to answer your questions.

## School Closings

In case of school closings, Northwest Local Schools posts information on all of the major news channels—NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX. We also announce closings on WHBC. In addition, we post the closing immediately on our website. You can sign up for an automatic text message by going to the school website. Under the link for “parents,” click on the link for “mobile app.” From that link, you can put in information to get the text message. Also, the district calls students' homes with information about the closing.



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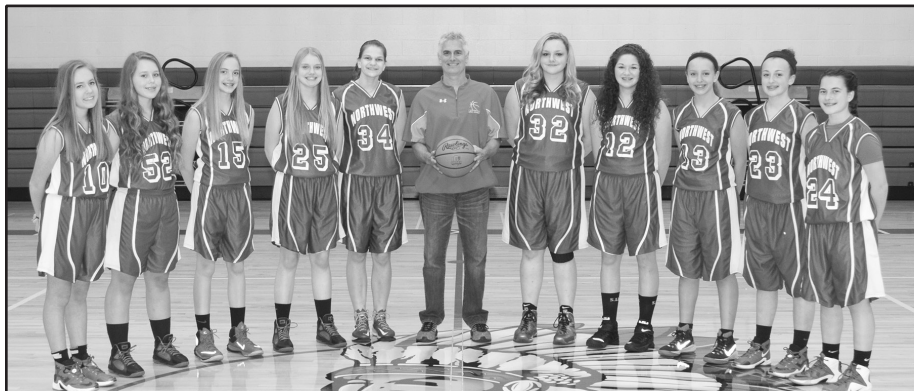
### **VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL**

*SITTING (L-R): Chara Kelleman, Sarah Butti, Makenzie Boecker, Madison Worden, and Hayley Macko; STANDING: Coach Andola Dortch, Leah Luhning, Shaye Foutty, Coach Alicia Manning, Lauren Spradling, Taylor Heard, and Coach Courtney Palmer.*



### **JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL**

*SITTING (L-R): Paige Henline, Meghan Badger, Laurilynn Chance, Megan McPerry, Keely Fightmaster, and Taylor Badger; STANDING: Coach Andola Dortch, Jessica Smith, Payton Harris, Coach Alicia Manning, Chelsea Grisby, Alayna Penrod, and Coach Courtney Palmer.*



### **8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

*(L-R): Stacy Haines, Hanna Crasi, Chloe Sickman, Katelyn Rusk, Sidney Harbaugh, Coach Duane Worden, Kristina Fousek, Chloe Waggoner, Morgan Lower, Katey Gunter, and Carrie Wyman.*



### **7th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

*(L-R): Ashton Nair, Emily Adkins, Caroline Kuhn, Kelsey Lawrence, Coach Rick Prinkey, Jr., Riley Cudnik, Jordan Marecek, Emily Stokes, Kiersten Lawrence, and Macie Cargould.*



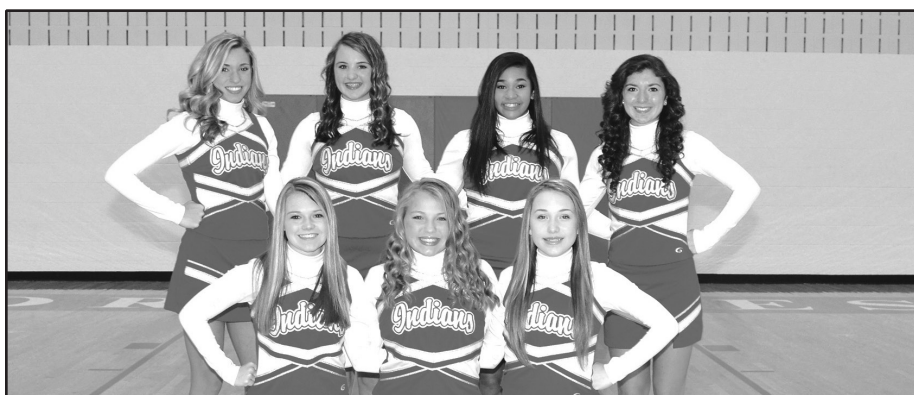
### **VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**

*SITTING (L-R): Kelly Walker and Brooke West; KNEELING: Breanne Kushnir, Jack Bender, and Aubrey Walker; STANDING: Maddie Markus and Caitlin Ross.*



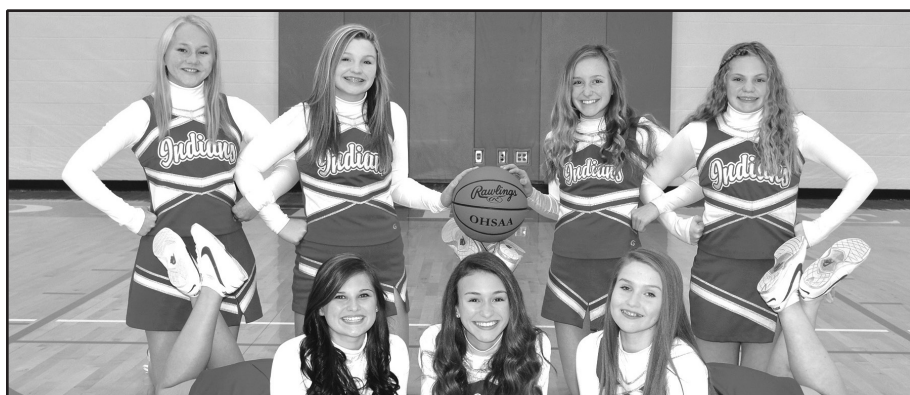
### **JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**

*SITTING (L-R): Hannah Huffman, Kelsey Francis, and Emily Szekely; STANDING: Madison Fightmaster, Lauren Kujath, Gabbie Harbaugh, and Kendall Schenz.*



### **FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS**

*KNEELING (L-R): Maddie Kurz, Olivia Harbaugh, and Emma Kurtz; STANDING: Erin Walker, Maci King, Alya Deguzis, and Jaycee Jones. MISSING: Janelle Ferrell.*



### **MS CHEERLEADERS**

*FRONT ROW (L-R) : Katie Krulik-Keith, Kiersten Trompower, and Sophia Wyles; BACK ROW: Julie Ovendorf, Madison Barabasch, Sophie Kapper, and Kayla McKinney.*

# G H L I G H T S



## **VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL**

**KNEELING (L-R):** Cooper Ross, Scott Wormald, Brayden Penrod, Ethan Zellers, and Grant Baughman; **STANDING:** Coach Mike Yokum, Coach Dave Cooper, Jacob Hyrne, Luke Fennell, Nathan Booth, Matt Fennell, George Workinger, Joshua Blankenship, Austin Cundiff, Tyler Devenport, Seth Hippli, Coach Andy Cocklin, and Coach Mike Lower.



## **JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL**

**KNEELING (L-R):** Cooper Ross, Justin Gunter, Ethan Zellers, Dustin Zellers, and Grant Baughman; **STANDING:** Coach Mike Yokum, Luke Fennell, Jonathan Gerry, Carter Morehart, George Workinger, Joshua Blankenship, Jack Ungashick, Seth Hippli, and Coach Mike Lower.



## **FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL**

**(L-R):** Coach Dave Cooper, Christian Houlehan, Jordan Appleman, Brady Schmeltzer, Alex Glauthier, Avery Barna, Joe Stockert, Isaiah Grossnickle, Luke O'Brien, Kyle Stockwell, and Jarod Weigand.



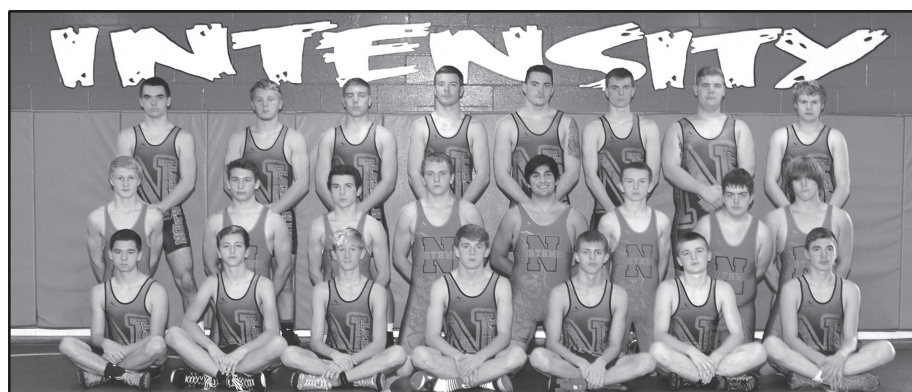
## **8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL**

**KNEELING (L-R):** Tanner Jones, Kyle Luhring, Nate Huscusson, Ayden Burgner, and Brandon Szekely; **STANDING:** Coach Ryan Brotherton, Remington McClung, Cole Edwards, William Rouse, Nathan Bowman, Mason Woodruff, Trey Miletich and Jay Aaron.



## **7th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL**

**KNEELING (L-R):** Anthony Grossnickle, Nate Swope, Brady Schenz, Nick Smith, and Ethan Hyrne; **STANDING:** Coach Mack Ferrell, Logan Wise, Jordan Mick, Matt Swope, Zach Morton, Davin Harness, Luke Kager, and Mason McMullen.



## **VARSITY WRESTLING**

**SITTING (L-R):** Dylan Gregorich, Dylan Board, Josh Smith, Ryan Davis, Hunter Kosco, Josh Harless, and Dustin Juszli; **KNEELING:** Tyler English, Evan Gonzalez, Shawn Nemet, Quinton Davis, Spencer Fulton, Austin Kelleher, Ryan Hall, and Mathias Knight; **STANDING:** Charles "Nick" Osborn, Kyle Myers, Nathan Gissinger, Dalton Cox, Michael Roman, David Fitzwater, Trevor Coughlin, and Jacob Klein.

## Softball Field to open Spring 2017

Northwest Local School District has hired Craig Honkomp from Sport Works to design a new softball field, which will be northeast of the baseball field. District personnel have distributed the building specifications and requirements to prospective contractors, and they received two quotes back from contractors. The lowest quote from AG Design was accepted. Work will begin in the spring with a completion date of August 1, 2016, written into the agreement. Also, the district will construct the dugouts. The school district has received a sizable pledge from donors to help with the cost of the construction.



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## The Career Tech Option: R.G. Drage

One of the many options offered to Northwest High School students is the opportunity for a career technical education at the R.G. Drage Career Technical Center. The career center offers 18 different programs in agricultural and environmental systems, arts and communications, construction technologies, education and training, health services, hospitality, human services, manufacturing, marketing and transportation. Many students who attend Drage experience great success in their programs and consider the learning environment valuable as they begin to make decisions about their futures.



**Tristan Boswell** is a senior who attends the Early Childhood program. For Tristan, attending R.G. Drage was a good choice because she enjoyed babysitting and helping her neighbors take care of their children. Tristan says the program is “a great experience because it helps you get your CDA and CPR training while also giving you additional experiences that will help with your education.” Tristan plans

to attend Stark State after completing her high school. Tristan works with the Preschool Coordinator, Michele Rocco (left), and the Early Childhood instructor, Tamara Lutes (right).

**Katheryn Fager** is a junior in Health Technologies. Katheryn chose this program because she hopes to become a paramedic because she enjoys helping people. Her course load includes anatomy, algebra 2, government, English and health tech. Health tech is a 2.5 hour lab. While she enjoyed being a student at Northwest, she likes attending R.G. Drage. “Being in a class that I like to do makes the day go faster,” she explains.



Junior **Katlyn Fager** smiles when asked why she decided to attend R.G. Drage. “I like it here. They have cows, pigs and chickens.” Katlyn is a true animal lover, and she is in Animal Science and Management Pre-Veterinary Tech. Katlyn plans to pursue an animal-related field in college, and she appreciates the hands-on experience offered at Drage.



## Woodwind Trio performs in Zoar

A woodwind trio from the NWHS Band performed for Christmas in Zoar Sunday, December 6. They earned a donation of \$100 for the high school band. The students were **Sarah Buchtel**, **Emily Casto**, and **Collin Brockmeyer**.



Junior **Morgan Rearick** is in the Cosmetology Program at R.G. Drage. Morgan said she decided to go to Drage because, “I thought it would be fun to meet new people, learn new things and to learn about cosmetology.” After high school, Morgan says she “might go to college for business management and to play softball or volleyball.” She became interested in Drage after taking the tour to visit the school

during her sophomore year. Morgan encourages other Northwest students to consider going to Drage: “It’s a great opportunity to learn new things and meet new people. If it’s something you’re really interested in, look into the programs and see which ones fit your needs.”

**Randy Schilling**, a senior in Power Equipment Engineering Technology, calls his experience at Drage “the best two years of my life.” Randy chose Power Equipment because his brother graduated from Drage in the program, and he respects the instructor, Mr. Harold Yoder. He echoes Katheryn Fager’s sentiment that the school day goes by quickly, thanks to the daily tech lab. After graduation, Randy would like to go to college to become a game warden.



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