



Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018
6:00 p.m. - High School

Community Breakfast
Wednesday, December 12
9:30 a.m. - Kleptz ELC

Teacher Workday
Thursday, December 20
No Classes PK-12

WINTER BREAK
December 21-January 2

Board of Education Meetings
Mondays, January 14 & 28
6:00 p.m. - Kleptz ELC

Community Breakfast
Wednesday, January 9
8:30 a.m. - High School

Staff Development
Wednesday, January 16
2-Hour Delay-No AM Pre-K

AM Pre-K Make-Up Day
Friday, January 18

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 21
Schools Closed

NORTHMONT RECEIVES APPLE ELITE 1:1 DESIGNATION

Apple has designated Northmont City Schools as one of only eight schools in the State of Ohio as an Elite 1:1 School District. The group of chosen schools have similar Apple digital learning environments and share common beliefs that students deserve the very best that can be provided within that environment. "We are fortunate to be able to collaborate within a network of schools that are close geographically and share the same desire to enhance instructional practices," according to Amy Mangen, Northmont's Ed Tech Specialist. Mangen is also certified as an Apple Foundations Trainer.

BLUM RECEIVES RECOGNITION



Board of Education President Linda Blum was recently recognized for 25 years of service by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Congratulations, Mrs. Blum!

BOARD APPROVES LAND PURCHASE

At the October 22 meeting of the Northmont Board of Education, the board approved purchase of a 22-acre parcel of land on National Road for future expansion. The Northmont Strategic Plan Strategy 3 states, "We will develop and implement a plan to continue to build, renovate, expand, and/or eliminate facilities to support the mission and vision."

Board member Thomas Walker and landowner Tom Kleptz negotiated a deal regarding the land east of the Kleptz Early Learning Center. The parcel of land is approximately 22 acres where the Wolf Creek runs next to the existing PK-1 building. The land was purchased 31% below the original asking price. Northmont is thankful to the Kleptz family for allowing the district to purchase such a valued property at below market price. There are no immediate plans to build, but it gives the district options to build in the future. Another option would be to sell it at a later date. The district will be able to farm the land in the meantime to gain a small revenue until the next phase of construction or a real estate transaction takes place.

FACILITIES UPDATE

This past summer the Northmont City Schools contracted HSI, an independent security company, to perform a facilities security audit. The audit not only satisfied a future state requirement, but also resulted in several recommendations the district is in the process of addressing.

- *All of the facilities will have additional exterior lighting, and cameras installed to improve safety and security.
- *The existing exterior lighting will be upgraded to LED, thus resulting in greater energy efficiencies.

These projects are part of Northmont's Strategic Plan to improve facility security and will aid local law enforcement in their efforts to protect students, staff, and the facilities.

The strategic planning team is meeting January 31 to discuss the next phase. Address questions to jwatson@northmontschools.net. More information can be found at www.northmontschools.com under "News."

GREEN PRIDE

... throughout the community

Northmont Education Foundation Roll of Recognition nominations are due by January 7. Nomination forms are available at www.northmonteducation-foundation.org Consider nominating an alum, a staff member, or a community member who has made a difference for this prestigious award.

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

*Wed. Oct. 24-9:30 am
Northmoor Elem.*

*Fri. Nov. 9-9:30 am
Union Elementary*

*Wed. Nov. 14-8:30 am
Northwood Elem.*

*Wed. Dec. 12-9:30 am
Kleptz ELC*

*Wed. Jan. 9-8:30 am
High School*

*Wed. Feb. 27-9:30 am
Englewood Elem.*

*Wed. Mar. 13-8:30 am
Middle School*

*Wed. Apr. 24-9:30 am
Englewood Hills*

TECHNOLOGY TIME

Molly Holt's fifth grade language arts class at Northwood is using an application called Keynote as a way to introduce a new novel in their Social Emotional Learning curriculum. Students added their own personal audio recordings to discuss predictions based on the novel's cover and preview paragraph. They located the two main settings of the novel using the Maps application and added in their personal answers to themes discussed in the novel using video recordings!



DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

In 1995 Northmont City Schools gathered 25 educators, community members, business representatives, and parents to develop a Strategic Plan for the district. This group meets annually, under the direction of Dr. Beth Wyandt and Dr. Jason Inkrott, to review the plan and make adjustments as needed. The plan has resulted in many great initiatives throughout the district, including two new buildings, the one-to-one device program, and staff development opportunities.

Northmont City Schools will be a model district that provides the highest standard of excellence in education through our vision:

- Varying opportunities for student and employee growth
- Inspiring students to be creative, self-directed, critical thinkers through innovative, differentiated instruction and program choices
- Supporting and serving our ever-changing student culture
- Integrating parent and community partnerships throughout the district
- Ongoing development of state-of-the-art facilities
- Northmont students will be college and/or career ready

Our Strategies

Strategy 1 - We will develop and implement a plan to ensure active, ongoing parental and community engagement in partnership with all Northmont schools.

Strategy 2 - We will develop and implement a plan to ensure a progressive curriculum and programs, which improve individual student achievement and growth that supports our ever-changing student culture.

Strategy 3 - We will develop and implement a plan to continue to build, renovate, expand, and/or eliminate facilities to support the mission and vision.

Strategy 4 - We will develop and implement a plan to guarantee and enhance staff development and growth.

EXCELLENCE

. . . throughout the district

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Northmont Lions Club hosts an annual Peace Poster contest for students. This year's winners are:

1st Place Olivian Carpenter - Northmoor

2nd Place Sydney Asbra - Northwood

3rd Place Chris Martin - Northwood

Olivian's poster will go on to the district level for further competition. Congratulations to all!



Senior soccer player Breckyn O'Shea is the Northmont winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

This award is given to students who excel on the field and in the classroom. Congratulations, Breckyn!



Both high school A Cappella groups, Impulse and Catalyst, were selected to perform at the Kettering National A Cappella Festival November 9-10! The intense audition process was graded and scored by the A Cappella Education Association and had over 100 groups try out. Impulse was selected to sing on the Aca-Bomb stage (truly a cappella) while Catalyst was selected to sing on the Saturday Main Stage (full sound and lights.) Don't miss a chance to see them perform December 4 at Northmont Community Auditorium.

DISTRICT SAFETY



Northmont Middle School conducted the first of a series of required drills on October 17. The drill consisted of multiple scenarios with involvement of police and EMS personnel from the cities of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, as well as the Ohio Highway Patrol and Premiere Health. Students and staff were taught some basic first aid techniques during the course of the day. Over the next year, all buildings in the district will take part in similar drills according to state requirements.

In addition to the drills, a uniform secondary locking device will be installed in all classrooms to provide an additional layer of security for our students and staff. All staff members have been trained on the device. Since the device is uniform, any traveling or substitute staff member will know how to properly use it as well.

**2018-19
School Board
meetings and
locations
All meetings
begin at 6:00 p.m.**

*September 10 & 24
Englewood Elementary*

*October 8 & 22
Englewood Hills*

*November 19
Middle School*

*December 10
High School*

*January 14 & 28
KELC*

*February 11 & 25
Northwood Elementary*

*March 11
Northmoor Elementary*

*April 8 & 22
Union Elementary*

*May 13
Middle School*

*June 10
Northwood Elementary*

*July 8
Northwood Elementary*

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Fall 2018

Northmont Drama Presents:



February 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 - 7:00 p.m.

February 10 - 2:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 adult, \$5 student/senior

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

The Northmont City School District recently celebrated School Bus Safety Week through a week-long campaign of awareness through communications to parents and students, bus evacuation drills, and by adopting a Ride-Along program. Members from our leadership team consisting of central office administrators, principals, and supervisors rode routes throughout the week. We wanted to let our bus drivers know we appreciate their efforts and they are valued as respected mentors interacting with our students. Bus drivers are great ambassadors as they are the first and last face of the district on a daily basis. They might be the first smile or the last word of encouragement for the day. Some of our administrators and supervisors have pledged to continue to ride a route from time to time to better connect with our students and support our drivers. This connection or engagement of our students, parents, and community members is a major focus for the district.



Superintendent Thomas and
Bus Driver Barry Smith

New to the District? Check out our website for important information:
www.northmontschools.net

Our Mission:

The mission of Northmont City Schools is to provide students an exceptional education with diverse opportunities so they maximize their potential and are productive, responsible citizens.

