



Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

Board of Education Meetings
Mondays, Sept. 10 & 24
6:00 p.m. - Englewood Elem.

Staff Development
Wednesday September 12
2-Hour Delay-No AM Pre-K

Friday September 14
AM Pre-K Make-Up Day

Homecoming Week Activities
October 2-6
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Board of Education Meetings
Mondays, Oct. 8 & 22
6:00 p.m. - Englewood Hills

Teacher Workday
Friday October 12
No Classes PK-12

Staff Development
Wednesday October 17
2-Hour Delay-No AM Pre-K

Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 22 & 24
All Buildings

Community Breakfast
Wednesday, October 24
9:30 a.m. - Northmoor Elem.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 26
No Classes PK-12

DISTRICT ENERGY SAVINGS

This summer Northmont retrofitted several classrooms, hallways, and gymnasiums with LED lights. LED lighting provides a brighter and more efficient illumination with the added benefit of lower maintenance and energy cost to operate.

The total cost savings from this past year's purchases of LED lights and bulbs totalled approximately \$15,000 in instant rebates. This is Phase I of the LED lighting project for the district, with plans of retrofitting the remaining exterior and interior lights district wide.

In addition to the instant rebates for LED lighting Northmont also received rebate checks from DP&L from previous energy savings HVAC projects totalling close to \$16,000, which will be used to help fund future energy saving projects.

LITERACY COACHING DEBUTS

The Ohio Department of Education Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy grant was awarded to Northmont in the amount of \$951,616. The grant is awarded in three installments over a three-year period. Literacy coaches Mrs. Amy Cozad, Mrs. Krista Turner, and Mrs. Jennifer Zumwalt are working with teachers to provide literacy support.



According to the coaches, "the Literacy Grant is giving us an exciting opportunity to create a partnership with teachers, to build upon our strong language arts foundation, and instill a love of reading that will last for a lifetime with our students in the Northmont District." Coaches will work with teachers to determine the best way to support effective strategies to reach the students. They will be participating in training throughout the year to support their understanding of what an instructional coach's duties entail. "Having literacy coaches in our elementary buildings is allowing the district the opportunity to strengthen our ELA instruction," said Turner. "It is always said that two heads are better than one and this collaboration opportunity is invaluable - not only for our teachers but for our students." Mrs. Cozad will be partnering with teachers at Englewood Elementary and Union Elementary, Mrs. Turner will be at Northmoor and Northwood, and Mrs. Zumwalt will be at Englewood Hills and the Kleptz Early Learning Center.

FACILITIES UPDATE

This summer, a Burgess & Burgess Strategist gave a presentation which states, "We will develop and implement a plan to build, renovate, expand and/or eliminate facilities to support the mission and vision."

The Strategy Planning team asked questions about the results and the next steps from the Strategy Three group. It was shared that more specific questions about what the community would support in regards to the next phase in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Plan(OFCC) should be developed in an online survey and made available to the community.

The Strategy Three group will meet in October to develop this online survey. Anyone interested in participating in the strategic planning of the next phase, please email Jwatson@northmontschools.net. The presentation, as given at the Strategic Planning Team meeting, can be found at www.northmontschools.com under "News."

GREEN PRIDE

... throughout the community

ELEMENTARY FALL BBQS

*Fri. Sept. 7
Englewood Hills*

*Fri. Sept. 14
Englewood Elementary*

*Thurs. Sept. 20
Northwood Elementary*

*Fri. Sept. 21
Northmoor Elementary*

*Fri. Sept. 28
Union Elementary*

*There will be NO Spring BBQs
this year.*

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

The Northmont Technology Team distributed 2483 ipads in just over a week with the help of 80 volunteers the week before school started. Newly promoted Software Systems Integration Specialist Amy Mangen led the technology team through the project. The planning began in January and it showed during the pickup times. "It would never have been so well organized and smooth without the entire team," stated Mangen. According to Assistant Superintendent and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Technology Susanne Lintz, Mrs. Mangen "helped with all the logistics of the pickup and all the legwork ahead of time while working with Apple and other vendors to ensure we had everything we needed."

Mr. Evan Houdieshell has accepted the new Instructional Technology Curriculum Specialist position. Mrs. Lintz said, "He is out in buildings working with teachers to ensure they have not only the technical support with the iPads, but also the instructional support." Houdieshell will be working with teachers to determine the best ways to incorporate the iPads into the learning experiences for our students.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE



Each year, the students of Northmont High School elect a Student Representative to the Board of Education. The Student Representative is a voting member of the Board. Northmont was one of the first districts in the state to adopt a Student Representative over 20 years ago as a way to give students a voice. The 2018-19 Board Rep is Ifeanyi Nwanoro. Ifeanyi has an infectious smile and can be seen on the basketball court and throwing shot and discus at track meets. He is a key player on the Academic Challenge and Mock Trial teams. He's also a member of Link Crew and Aspirations. In his "spare" time, he volunteers in the community. Ifeanyi plans to attend the University of Dayton to study Engineering next year.

STAFF OPENING DAY



"Welcome back, Staff! We are here to support you!" was the message from Northmont community leaders on the morning of August 13. Mayors Burnside (Englewood), Stevens (Clayton), & O'Callaghan (Union) along with Clay Township Trustee Steve Woolf addressed the staff on the first day back.

EXCELLENCE

... throughout the district

INTRODUCING...

Please join Northmont City Schools and Northmoor Elementary in welcoming Principal David Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence comes to us with an array of experience as a principal at the middle school and high school level and an elementary, middle school, and high school teacher. He was recently employed as an educational consultant. He and his wife, Kim, are 20-year members of the Northmont community and have two daughters who graduated from Northmont City Schools. He is excited for the opportunity to work with the excellent staff, students, and parents of Northmoor Elementary.



DISTRICT SAFETY

*Northmont's district safety committee is comprised of law enforcement and safety personnel from the jurisdictions that form this community. The group has been hard at work reviewing and enhancing safety plans for the entire district.

*Safety training requirements now include periodic drills on a larger scale in addition to the lockdown drills that have been practiced with staff and students.

*The first comprehensive drill will take place at the Middle School in October and will involve public safety officials from all local jurisdictions, as well as Ohio Highway Patrol and Premier Health.

*A recent safety audit with an independent firm recommended installation of uniform secondary locking devices on all classroom doors. Students and staff will be trained on the implementation of the devices in the event of an emergency.

*Families are encouraged to update/complete InfoSnap so the district has the information for OneCall communication in the event of an incident.

♪ CAN YOU HEAR THE MUSIC?! ♪

Northmont City Schools is excited to announce a major change to the sixth grade band and strings program for the 2018-19 school year.

*Sixth-grade band and orchestra students will receive instruction during the school day instead of participating in an after-school program.

*Each elementary school will offer the opportunity for sixth-grade instrumental instruction.

*Students have the choice of playing either a band or stringed instrument in addition to their general music classes.

*Parents will receive semester progress reports on their child's instrument playing.

*Practices will start the week of September 10th.

*Music teachers from the high school are serving as points of contact for the program.

Mr. Ryan Chatterton is the orchestra contact and Mr. Mark Johnston is the band contact.

*Elementary music teachers Mrs. Kelly Landis, Mrs. Becky Pemberton, and Mrs. Katie Reinke will continue to assist the instructors and support students participating in the program.

**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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HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

SPIRIT WEEK - ALL BUILDINGS

(each building will publish Spirit Week information)

TUESDAY OCT. 2 - POWDER PUFF GAME 7PM

(sponsored by DECA - \$3 presale/\$5 at the gate)

THURSDAY OCT. 4 - PARADE 6PM

FRIDAY OCT. 5 - ALUMNI TAILGATE 5:30PM

FOOTBALL GAME vs SPRINGFIELD 7PM

ALUMNI GATHERING AT THUNDERBOWL

(following the game)

SATURDAY OCT. 6 - TOUR OF NHS 10AM

(meet at Door #1)

HOMECOMING DANCE 8-11 PM (students only)

Non-Profit Organ.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

Involvement is the key...

Northmont has many opportunities for students to belong to organizations. There are clubs, curricula offerings that involve travel to competitions and shows, athletics, and many other means to be involved. We encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities. Our school and community are better because our students are involved.

In the same way, I would like to encourage parents and community members to be engaged in the Northmont community. We have a rich history of great community involvement.

***Volunteer at school functions and forums. *Join or support the many civic organizations.**

***Be a volunteer at our schools. *Business owners, join and support the Chamber.**

The Northmont City District is a reflection of the community we represent. Our students model what you do. Let them see you loving this community through involvement. Leave a legacy by making the community better, one small act of kindness at a time.

**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.

