Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, Oct. 10 & 24 -7 pm
Northmoor Elementary

End of Grading Period
October 13

Teacher Workday
October 14
No Classes PK-12

Community Breakfast
October 19, 9:30 am
Northmoor Elementary

Parent/Teacher Conferences
All Buildings
October 24 & 26

Parent Financial Aid Night
October 26, 6 pm

Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 28
No Classes PK-12

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, November 21-7 pm
Northwood Elementary

For important dates, click on the event calendar located on the website: www.northmontschools.net

Northmont Students Receive an A in Growth!!!

The Northmont City School District received great news in September regarding scores from the 2015-2016 school year. The district earned an A on the value-added portion of the State Report Card. Value-added is one of the more difficult components on the Report Card to explain, but to simplify, it means students are moving forward and growing. If students show growth of one year, then the district earns a C. If the students earn more than expected growth a B is earned. An A is earned when students meet a measure of growth index of 2.0 or higher. Northmont far exceeded the measure. Not only did Northmont earn an A, but the district earned an index of 12.63 when looking at all students! The district also received A's in the following categories: Gifted (7.82), Lowest 20% (4.67), and Students with Disabilities (4.87).
For more information about the Progress Measure on the Report Card, visit http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Data/Report-Card-Resources/Report-Card-Guide.pdf.aspx.

STRAIGHT A GRANT

Northmont City Schools has received a Straight A Grant in the amount of $391,000 from the State of Ohio. The funds were set up to help schools launch creative new ideas for improving education and to help "meet the unique needs of every student in the classroom."

This grant will be used to train staff in Project Based Learning. PBL is a teaching strategy that engages students in real-world learning experiences while focusing on key knowledge and skills students need to learn. Students have a meaningful problem to solve or question to answer and then have decisions to make about how they work to solve the problem and what they create during the project. Northmont has embraced PBL in recent years, but has only been able to train a few teachers at a time. According to Assistant Superintendent Susanne Lintz, "We will have the ability to train all staff during the first days back from Winter Break. This gives us the capacity to have all of our students experiencing PBL regardless of the grade level or the course they are taking. We are excited to have this opportunity and to see how it helps each student learn and grow."

To allow for PBL to be implemented this year and to put the Straight A funds toward resources instead of substitute costs, all staff will be trained during the first week of January. Classes will resume for students Monday, January 9 instead of January 4 as stated in the calendar.

WELCOME FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It was a privilege to witness the opening of the new school year as the new Superintendent of Northmont City Schools. It was a successful opening of the school year for Northmont, largely because of the support of the community. This community and school system have so much to be proud of, as this is a great place to raise children and be involved in a close-knit community. The school system benefits from the strong community service organizations, faith based events, and youth oriented activities. There are a number of worthwhile experiences available to the youth and they are so accessible to our students. This gives our students a sense of belonging to the community. We embrace the theme that we are stronger together. We know when educators, parents, business owners, local governments, and community organizations work together our students benefit. May we all pledge to make all of these entities strong and continue to develop a community that is thriving and growing. - Tony Thomas, Superintendent

GREEN PRIDE

. . . throughout the community

DID YOU KNOW?

Northmont's fleet of 50 buses have passed the State Highway Patrol's safety inspection for 29 straight years! These buses cover 166 routes and over 328,000 miles of roadway per year. They transport our students safely to and from school, field trips and sporting events. Thanks to the fantastic bus drivers and mechanics who make up the excellent team responsible for making these things happen.



"NATIONAL TRAIL" DEDICATION

The City of Clayton will dedicate the new "National Trail" multi-use path on Sunday, October 2, 2016. The path is located on National Road and runs from the YMCA to the Middle School. This all-day event will be held in tandem with the Northmont Community Market's Oktoberfest. Activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a "Pink Out The Market" 5K walk/run. The market will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with activities for families, shopping, and music. A formal ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11:15 a.m., and the YMCA will host a FREE Family Day from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.



NORTHMONT COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM REOPENS

The entire Northmont Community is invited to attend the Re-Dedication of the Northmont Community Auditorium on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Performance groups from throughout the district will be on hand to provide entertainment. The auditorium was built in 1987 and is still considered a state-of-the-art facility, so the decision was made after 29 years of community use to refurbish it. The "Commons" is being renovated as well, to house the award winning NJROTC and the old cafeteria area will become the new home to the Northmont Secondary Academy. This is the final phase of our construction projects.



It's hard to imagine winter weather when we've had nothing but sunny skies and humid days, but it will be here before we know it. REMEMBER:

**Dress your child for the weather including hats, coats, gloves, and appropriate footwear. Outside Recess still occurs if the "real feel" temperature is 20 degrees.

**Closings and Delays will be announced on radio and TV, as well as the District One Call system, Facebook page, District website and Twitter.

**If Northmont is closed, Latchkey is closed. Please have a back up plan for your child's care.

**Additional details regarding transportation will be available on the website in early October.

EXCELLENCE
. . . throughout the district

WHAT?! THERE'S NO THIRD FLOOR?!

A new school year in a new building is an exciting experience. To help students feel welcome and confident in their new schools, the Northmont Middle School and High School have developed programs that provide support from older students. The Middle School WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) and High School LINK Crew are teams of trained staff and students who work together to make the transition seamless for new students. According to Jody Henry, teacher and LINK Crew advisor, "These students give several Sundays during the summer for training. They learn team building and other skills to truly help make the first day memorable." Only incoming 7th grade, 9th grade and new students to the district attend the first day of school at the middle and high school along with the WEB and LINK Crew students. This day provides an opportunity to support and assist students with going through their class schedules, meeting their teachers, learning how to navigate the lunchroom and explore their new buildings. The WEB and LINK Crew students can be easily identified by their brightly colored program shirts. They provide a presence and support throughout the school year.





2016-17 COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

Once again, Northmont will be hosting Community Breakfasts in each of the school buildings. This is a FREE breakfast and is offered as a way to welcome our neighbors into our buildings to observe all the fantastic things our students are doing. Please RSVP to Jenny Wood, jwood@northmontschools.net or 832-5037 if you plan to attend.

October 19, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. - Northmoor Elementary, 4421 Old Salem Road
November 9, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. - Northwood Elementary, 6200 Noranda Drive
January 25, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. - Union Elementary, 418 West Martindale Road
February 8, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. - Englewood Hills Elementary, 508 Durst Drive
March 22, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Northmont Middle School, 4810 West National Road
April 19, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Northmont High School, 4916 West National Road
May 17, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. - Englewood Elementary, 702 Albert Street



FALL MUSIC SCHEDULE

MS/HS Orchestra
Monday, October 3
6:30 p.m. MS Gym

HS Choir/Encore
Monday, October 10
7:30 p.m. BOLT Gym

7th Grade Chorus
Tuesday, October 11
7:30 p.m. - MS

8th Grade Chorus
Wed., October 12
7:30 p.m. - MS

HS Wind Ensemble/8th Grade Band
Monday, October 17
8:00 p.m. - MS Gym

All concerts are FREE and Open to the Public.

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**** CALENDAR CHANGE****

STUDENTS WILL RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017.

STAFF WILL RETURN ON JANUARY 4 FOR DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 1.

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MEET SUSANNE LINTZ

Instead of just saying "Welcome" to the new Northmont Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, the Northmont community is saying, "Welcome Back." Susanne Lintz is a 2001 graduate of Northmont and is happy to be back at her alma mater. Susanne graduated from Otterbein College in 2005 with a degree in Middle Childhood Education and received her Masters in Educational Administration from Ashland University in 2009. Susanne comes to Northmont from Hilliard City Schools where she was a Middle Level Curriculum Director. Welcome Home!

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.