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# Northridge Local School District Newsletter

Thank you Deputy Wilson, Deputy Shook, and the K-9, Sam, for visiting and reading to our students!

## SUPERINTENDENT'S *Message*



The times they are a-changing... and in more ways than one. Winter is ending and spring is approaching. There is growth on the horizon with a potential solar farm project in our district as well as the recent announcement of Intel fabs being built around the corner in Jersey Township. And of course, changes are coming for our students. We continually evaluate and adapt our instructional strategies to meet the needs of our students and prepare them for the future. Our senior class is heading into the final weeks of school. Change can be scary and sometimes daunting, so let's keep in mind the importance of using our Viking Values as a guide to approaching every situation. We know that COMMUNICATION is critical but even more so during times of transition. Students learn to be ACCOUNTABLE for their actions and use INTEGRITY to act in a way that others can TRUST. As we are faced with everyday challenges, we must be accountable to each other and keep the Viking Values as our foundation. There will be challenges along the way, but remember if we, students, staff, and community RESPECT each other and communicate effectively, it will make the hard times a bit easier. It is my goal to infuse COLLABORATION as we work to identify LEADERSHIP opportunities for our students, staff, and community members as we strive to ENSURE ALL STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL. ✪



Superintendent  
Scott Schmidt

Always be the "I" in KIND!

~Scott Schmidt, Superintendent



## High School Presents 'SpongeBob' Musical

### A MESSAGE FROM NORTHRIDGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Northridge High School took the audience for a journey under the sea to Bikini Bottom with The SpongeBob Musical on March 11-13. The Broadway hit version of nautical nonsense had the auditorium filled with laughter. The show had something for everyone with colorful costumes, creative set design, talented actors, and a wonderfully wide-ranging musical score. The actors, directors and production team brought a fun, charming, high energy musical to our community, and we are very proud of them! ✪



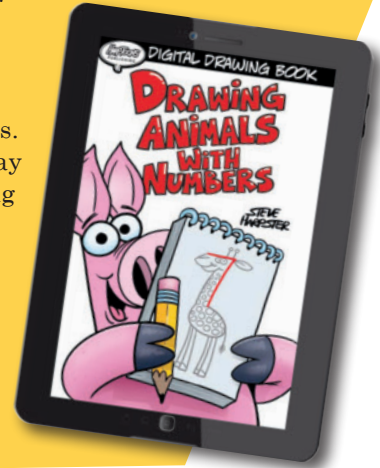
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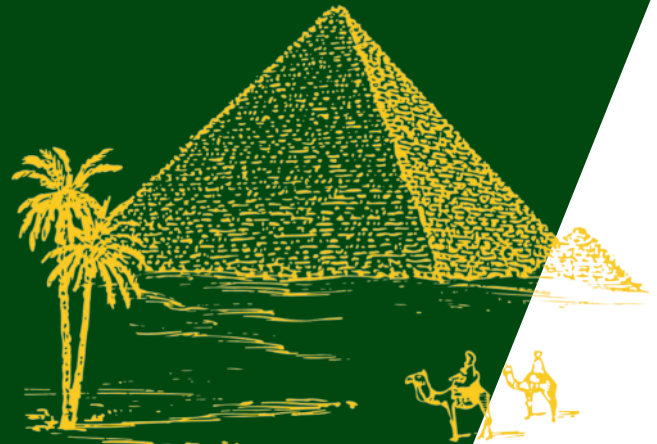
## Elementary Students Excited for Author Visit

The Northridge Elementary School is looking forward to a visit from author/illustrator Steve Harpster on Friday, March 18. Harpster has illustrated over 100 books for kids, and travels all over the country teaching students how to draw using letters and numbers. He will lead sessions for grades K-5 which include a drawing lesson to show students that they have the power to draw, create and imagine their own worlds and stories. Families have the opportunity to purchase books for Harpster to sign and draw in on the day of the visit. Thank you to Northridge PTO for funding this special event. We plan on having an author visit each year. Next year we have Margaret Peterson Haddix on the books! ☆



## Middle School

Dr. Dann, a professor at Columbus State, visited Mr. Gunn's 6th grade Social Studies classes to share her expertise on Ancient Egyptian life and culture. What a fantastic experience for our students to work with an expert, and hear stories from someone who has been to the places in which they are learning. Thanks for the inspiration, Dr. Dann! ☆



## High School Recognizes Greenhand Members

The Northridge High School FFA chapter had their Greenhand ceremony in February which recognizes the first year members of our FFA chapter. These members have met the requirements set by the National Future Farmers of America organization. The term green means new and these rookie FFA members celebrated by painting their hands green! ☆



# Viking Community Newsletter

## Meet the Northridge Board of Education



Doug Hart  
President



Jayma Bammerlin  
Vice President



Jeffrey Schrock  
Member



Geoff Wiggins  
Member



Kate Creager  
Member

With the new year comes a new board of education! With two newly appointed members and three experienced members, the school board is looking forward to working together to honorably serve the students, staff and community.

Doug Hart with his wife, Marlene, moved to the Northridge school district in 2010. He started serving on the finance committee in 2011 and was appointed to the Northridge Board of Education in 2012. Doug became the president of the school board in 2013 and has continued to support and guide the district as the president ever since. Doug is a retired lawyer and former accountant. Doug was very involved in the process of issuing the bonds and overseeing construction of the new elementary building. "These past two years of dealing with COVID-19 have been extraordinarily challenging for everyone, but school administration has been particularly difficult as we faced unprecedented state budget cuts while striving to conduct school in compliance with ever-changing state and county restrictions. I'm very proud of the way our entire staff has persevered throughout the pandemic, maintaining focus on the district's mission to ensure that every student reaches his or her fullest potential," Hart explained.

Jayma Bammerlin was appointed to the Northridge Board of Education to fill a vacant seat in May 2011 and continued to be elected and serve as the Vice President. She and her husband, Greg, have lived in the district for 22 years. They have two sons who recently graduated from Northridge. Jayma has served on the finance and levy committees for over ten years. She is a technology client manager helping to solve business problems with new technological solutions. As a board member, she has been happy to see the expansion of STEM classes at Northridge. "We have a wonderful, giving community, where neighbors come together and dedicate themselves to bringing opportunities to our Northridge students," Jayma expressed. "This is what makes Northridge a great place to live and raise a family, the people that make up our Northridge community."

Jeff Schrock is a veteran school board member who is currently on his fourth term on the Northridge Board of Education. He and his wife, Charlene, have lived in Homer for 16 years. Jeff is an active community member who serves on the Finance and Facilities Committees. He is dedicated to the students, staff and community of the Northridge School District. "Education is vital especially now-a-days," Jeff explained. "Understanding past history helps with world events that happen on a daily basis."

Although new to the board, Geoff Wiggins is no stranger to supporting the Northridge Schools. He has served on the Finance Committee for the past five years and has been an advocate for and brought awareness to the state level concerning the need for quality home internet connectivity in rural areas like Northridge. Geoff has an extensive background in education leadership as a 20-year staff member of The Ohio State University. Geoff and his wife, Clare, have a son at Northridge. "I'm honored to be selected to serve on the Northridge Local Schools Board of Education. I'm very proud of the work this district has done over these past few years and, as a board member, I plan to work very hard to help support that positive trajectory while maintaining an environment of transparency, fiscal responsibility and accountability," Geoff said.

Kate Creager may be new to the school board, but she is certainly a familiar face to the Northridge community. She has served as a PTO board member for several years and helped on the levy committee. Kate coaches and commissions Northridge youth athletics, teaches at her local church in Johnstown, and is involved at home with everything from farming to 4-H. Kate and her husband, Rick, have three children at Northridge. "I am both excited and honored to have been chosen to serve on the school board. I am looking forward to bringing a fresh perspective," Kate stated. "There is so much pride and positive momentum in our little district, so helping keep what makes it special, but improving where we need to improve is extremely important to me."

We welcome Geoff and Kate to the Board of Education and thank all of our board members for their dedication and willingness to serve our district. It's a great day to be a Viking!



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| <b>April 7</b><br>Elementary Art Show<br>Elementary School | <b>April 13</b><br>Finance Meeting<br>District Office 6:00pm | <b>April 18</b><br>School Board Meeting<br>District Office 6:30pm |
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Dates and links are available at [www.northridge.k12.oh.us](http://www.northridge.k12.oh.us)

# Winter Sports and Stadium Project Progress

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NORTHRIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Great progress has been made in the new year toward the Northridge stadium project both in fundraising and strategic planning. Donations and pledges have reached an all-time high at \$1.63 million toward the goal of \$2 million. Incredible work by the campaign leadership team is planned for February and March in an effort to reach the goal by spring. In February, the Northridge School Board approved moving forward for competitive bidding through an RFP for the design work. "We could not be happier with the progress that has been made in 2022 toward our goal of a new stadium," commented Curt Booher, Northridge Athletic Boosters President. "We launched the fundraising last April and hope to meet or exceed our \$2 million goal in March. That is amazing, but we will need everyone's support to get there. Please consider donating as we work to upgrade the Northridge facilities for the Vikings of the future!"



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The Northridge Vikings high school winter sports seasons are still going strong with several wrestlers moving on to districts including Carter Yorde, Hayden Parman, Treven Angus and Michael Fister with alternates Braxton Ankrom and Tyler Harter. Indoor Track and Field state qualifiers include Chloe Rowe (high jump), Isabel Evans (60m hurdles), Colette Patti (60m dash), Stephanie Gilmore (400m dash), and 4x200 relay team of Mia Siegenthaler, Stephanie Gilmore, Colette Patti and Isabel Evans. Wrapping up seasons include the girls bowling team, winning the LCL tournament with handicap led by Kaylie McCarthy who qualified for districts. Bowler Grady Cupp also earned a bid to Districts. The Vikings swim team had a great showing at the District level including podium spots for Alexandra Cannone (7th in 50yd freestyle and 100yd freestyle) and the girls A-relay team of Nicole Bevier, Sophia Bevier, Caitlin Fuller and Alex Cannone who placed 8th in 200 yd freestyle relay. The boys basketball team ended the regular season 14-7 with a tough loss at the Sectional Championship. A big congratulations to the Middle School girls 8th grade team on a great season going 15-3. The girls fell just short in the championship game for a second place finish on an incredible season! Great job to all of the Northridge Vikings athletes!⊕

