



THE DISTRICT DISPATCH

The monthly update for Northridge Schools & Community

Tomorrow Is...



Election Day!



Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 2, voters in the Northridge School District will have the opportunity to renew an Operating Levy. This Operating levy was first passed in 2009 and is designed to be renewed every five years. While it is referred to as an "Emergency Levy," there is not an emergency at this time; however, maintaining current funding is critical to being able to support our current instructional programs. An Emergency levy is for a specific period of time, in this case, five years, and is designed to be renewed, as opposed to a standard operating levy that is for a continuing period of time. This renewal will provide the district with \$2.1 million a year; this is a fixed amount and will not increase. Homeowners are currently paying this tax; therefore, it is not a new tax. If the tax were to be renewed, it would be for a period of five years. The operating renewal is used for day-to-day operations, including teacher salaries, instructional materials, and technology. If you have any questions prior to voting on Tuesday, please do not hesitate to email Mr. Schmidt at sschmidt@northridgevikings.org or call the district office 740-967-6631.



Future Farmers of America Recognizes Great Year

On April 29th, the Northridge FFA program held its annual member recognition banquet. This is when members are recognized for their involvement in the FFA on the local, state and national level. FFA is the leadership organization for students who are enrolled in agricultural programs. The mission of FFA is to develop students in premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

During the banquet, all students were recognized for their involvement in all aspects of the program- from committee work for planning FFA week all the way to earning the American FFA Degree, the highest national achievement that an FFA member can earn.

The program started by recognizing each student in attendance by classes, highlighting what the students' top FFA activities were. Students were recognized for the top sellers in the fundraisers, involvement in Career Development Events, National Convention Attendees, officer books, scholarship awards, leadership awards, Star member awards, recognized our seniors and installed our 2023-2024 Officer Team.

We also recognized our degree recipients. Degrees are a way to encourage involvement in FFA, as well as recognize students who have reached milestones set by the chapter, Ohio FFA Association and National FFA Association. This 2023 Degree Recipients are:

Discovery Degree (for 7th and 8th grade students who have participated in FFA activities)
 Ella Bird, Kennedy Brown, Mack Caprez, Brayden Dowis, Morgan French, Kenzie Hamlin, Gabriella Hupp, Caleb Kerkman, Neva LeValley, Karisa Miller, Kaden Parkinson, Shawn Sargent, & Catherine Wasem

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Kindergarten Is "Egg"cellent

Mrs. Perler's Kindergarten class is "egg"cited to be hatching chicks and ducks in May. They are keeping careful watch and observation in the classroom.



8th Grade Dog Show

8th grade students researched dog breeds, then were tasked with creating life-size cardboard dogs. Students then showed their dogs to a panel of 3 judges, who asked them about their dog breeds.



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Future Farmers of America Continued...

VOTING DAY



Tuesday, May 2

Click [HERE](#) for polling location

PTO Meeting

Thursday, May 4

3:30pm Elementary Library

National Honor Society Induction

Tuesday, May 9

6:30pm HS Auditoria



MS Fine Arts Night

Thursday, May 11

Choir 6:30pm

Band 7:45pm



Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 15

6:30pm District Office

Kindergarten Open House/Tours

Tuesday, May 16

6:00pm-7:00pm Elementary

HS Fine Arts Night

Tuesday, May 16

Choir 6:30pm

Band 7:45pm



2023 High School Graduation

Sunday, May 28

2:00pm Hartford Fairgrounds

The Greenhand degree award is for students who are enrolled in ag, have learned about the many parts of FFA and have plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience- SAE. Our 2023 greenhand degrees are: Aidan Dyce, Lilyan Foster, Tyler Kistler, Kayden Krumm, Cassie Lahrmer, Briar Mays, Dalton Powelson, Jaden Roberts, John Roberts, Cheyann Severance, Jaxon Small, Ivy Taylor, & Jefferey Wilder

The chapter degree recognizes students who have invested 45 hours or \$150 dollars in their SAE, helped plan FFA activities, and have 10 hours of community service. The 2023 Chapter degree recipients are: Ashley Allerton, Kaitlyn Angus, Dixie Ashbrook-Hall, Courtney BeVier, Sophia BeVier, Olivia Bird, Bryanna Busch, Dylan Chambers, Layla Comisford, Kinsey Duzan, Rhyana Eblin, Taryn Eblin, Mackenzie Giffin, Kaylee Goodwin, Henry Keller, Morgan Korn, Luke Lees, Michael Severns, Lyla, Stockberger, Reese Taylor, Lane Thompson, Alexa Wilson, Ella Winkler, & Grace Yost

We also recognized our State FFA Degree recipients- these students have participated in 8 FFA activities above the chapter level, dedicated 25 hours to community service, and invested over \$2000 into their SAE. These students will officially receive their degree at the State FFA Convention on May 5th.
Darla Dorman & Madison Hoover

We had 1 student apply for their American FFA Degree. American FFA degree candidates must be out of high school, have 50 hours of community service, and invested over \$10,000 in their SAE. Morgan Thompson's degree will be evaluated this summer on the National level, and she will receive her degree this fall at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

During the program we awarded our Star Awards. These are students who rise above their fellow members and classmates for their involvement in the FFA. This year's star award winners are:

- Star Greenhand- Cassie Lahrmer
- Star First Year Member- Brayden Dowis
- Star Sophomore- Courtney BeVier
- Star Junior- Madison Hoover
- Star Senior- Kinsley Tuttle
- 110% dedication award- Olivia Bird

The final event was installing our chapter officers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Congratulations to our leaders:

- President- Heather Houck
- Vice President- Courtney BeVier
- Secretary- Kenzie Giffin
- Co Treasurers- Kaylee Goodwin and Lyla Stockberger
- Co Reporters- Taryn Eblin & Olivia Bird
- Sentinel- Sophia BeVier
- Student Advisor- Albree Ashbrook- Hall

NORTHRIDGE FFA



We would like to thank our sponsors for the banquet. Our gold sponsors are aMAYsing Meats, Bob Parsons Construction, Lynd Fruit Farm, and Parsons Trucking. Our silver sponsors are B. Carr Farms and Granville Milling. We also want to thank our cater, Lee's Chicken owner Todd Salome.

We had a great time celebrating all of our students for the accomplishments of the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to all of our FFA members for their involvement this past school year.



5TH



GRADE



CAMP!

5th-grade students attended a 3-day camp at Camp Heartland in Marengo, OH. This was a wonderful experience full of hands-on learning, outdoor activities and class bonding. Thank you teachers and parent camp counselors!

8th grade students are looking forward to their class trip to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI later this month!



MAKE NEW DISCOVERIES THIS SUMMER



This year's all-new program inspires confidence as campers collaborate in creative problem-solving challenges led by qualified educators to bring their biggest ideas to life!

SAVE \$25 WITH CODE WONDER25 <small>EXPIRES MARCH 30, 2023</small>	SAVE \$15 WITH CODE WONDER15 <small>EXPIRES MAY 17, 2023</small>	SAVE \$30 WITH CODE SIBLOVE30 <small>FOR 2 SIBLINGS</small>	SAVE \$40 WITH CODE SIBLOVE40 <small>FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS</small>
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For more information contact
Camp Director: Ashley Ramsey
Aramseycampinvention@gmail.com

Grades: K - 6th Location:
Northridge Elementary School
9200 Northridge Road
Johnstown, OH 43031

Date: July 31 - August 4, 2023
Time: 9:00AM to 3:30PM
Cost: \$260

Register at
INVENT.ORG/CAMP or
Call 800-968-4332

MAY LIBRARY EVENTS

Check out the local libraries for this month's community activities and information.

<https://alexandrialibrary.org>

<https://homer.lib.oh.us>



VIKING GRAD INFO:



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