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From the Principal

“The School of the Future...Today”

If you have spent some time in the past two years looking around the school, you may have noticed the expression: “The School of the Future...Today”. You may find yourself wondering exactly what this means. The expression is a statement of our commitment to try to stay ahead of the rapidly changing environment in which our students spend their secondary school experience. Change occurs so fast in our society that we have to keep moving along with it to give our students every advantage we can. So what does this look like?

Our students live in a technology rich world. Regardless of whether students go to college, enter the military, or enter virtually any other occupation, they will be faced with a technologically rich working environment. The Fire Tablet initiative here at NHMS has allowed us to do more than just “use” technology. We are beginning the process of having students UNDERSTAND technology, how it works and why it works. As of now we have 750 devices in the building and expect to be

full one-to-one technology by the start of next school year.



The school of the future for many of our students is North Harford High School. We have partnered with the High School in an attempt to find out what skills students are lacking upon entry into NHHS. We have conducted meetings together, sent teachers from NHMS to observe the High School classes and have developed common Student Learning Objectives. This has resulted in a focus on writing that we believe will benefit students in High School regardless of where they attend.

The school of the future is producing students who will live in the society of the future. I have been amazed and impressed by the concern, care and inter-

est our students take in not only serving their community, but in the many service learning projects they undertake each year to improve their community. In many schools, service learning is a requirement where students need to meet a certain number of hours. At NHMS, students are constantly going above and beyond to serve their community because they WANT to. It is a regular occurrence for students to visit my office seeking permission to do an activity or event to help a cause, solve a problem or simply help someone in their community.

There are many more examples of this idea, which go beyond a one-page newsletter update. Our students are truly on the cusp of living in a world we can’t even imagine yet. Our hope is that we continue to help them be problem solvers, critical thinkers and risk takers who will thrive in the ever changing world that faces them.

*Karl Wickman Ed.
Principal*

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Principal

Mr. Antonnio R. Hockaday
Assistant Principal

Mr. Jeffrey R. Raff
Assistant Principal

Ms. Wendy L. Steo
Assistant Principal

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	February 1	2	3 Report Cards Distributed	4
5	6	7	8	9 NHHS Orienta- tion for parents of 8th graders 6:30 pm NHHS	10	11
12	13 Board of Ed Public Meeting A.A. Roberty Bldg. at 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16 NHMS PTSA meeting 6:30 pm in office conference room	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day Schools & Offices Closed	21	22	23	24 Progress Reports Distributed	25
26	27 Board of Ed Public Meeting A.A. Roberty Bldg. at 6:30 p.m.	28	March 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00 pm			

ILA News

Congratulations
to Mrs. Mullen's

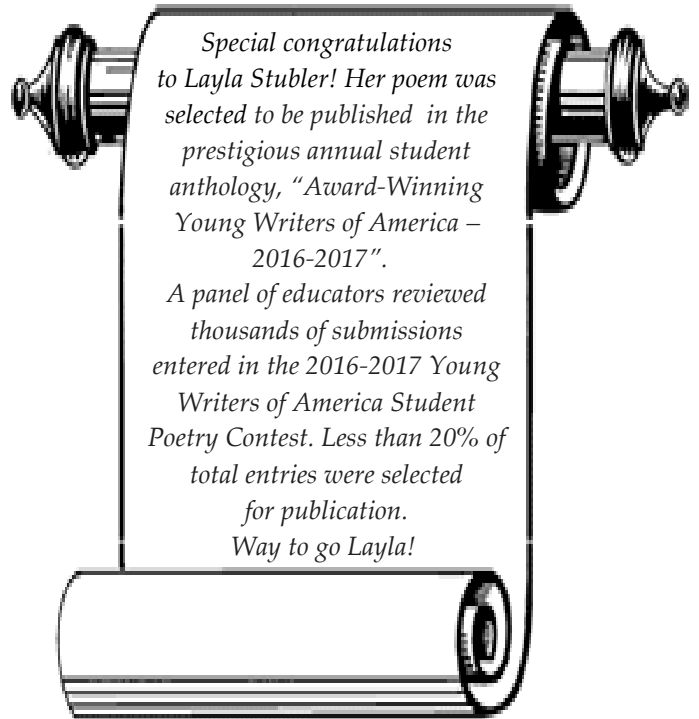
November ILA Students of the Month:

**Layla Stubler, Dustin Ward, Tara
Elgin and Arielle Simon**

and Congratulations to
Mrs. Mullen's

December ILA Students of the Month:

**Emily Johnson, Sydney Pollitt,
Chloe Miranda and
Madeline Simms**



*Special congratulations
to Layla Stubler! Her poem was
selected to be published in the
prestigious annual student
anthology, "Award-Winning
Young Writers of America –
2016-2017".*

*A panel of educators reviewed
thousands of submissions
entered in the 2016-2017 Young
Writers of America Student
Poetry Contest. Less than 20% of
total entries were selected
for publication.
Way to go Layla!*

To see Layla's poem follow this link to the NHMS PTSA folder on Edline:
https://www.edline.net/pages/North_Harford_Middle_School/PTSA

NHMS Service Learning Shout-Out

Kudos to **Team 8A's** students and teachers for their service learning project, which benefited Mason-Dixon Community Services. This team collected **924** food items and gift cards to donate to families in need of food for Thanksgiving! **Wow!** The top 10 students who brought in the most items were:

- Shaun Glogowski (91 items)
- Grace O'Donnell (63 items)
- Kellie Babylon (62 items)
- Gwyneth McDougall (49 items)
- Laurel Brown (46 items)
- Autumn Corsello (44 items)
- Coby Taylor (42 items)
- Conor O'Callaghan (42 items)
- Madison Fetherston (31 items) and
- Dylan Dilworth (26 items)



Bravo to **Team 7D's** students and teachers for their service learning project, which honored war veterans through the Marine Corps League at Perry Point Veterans Hospital. Students composed thank you letters and they were delivered to the veterans. The recipients were greatly appreciative of these letters!

Thanks to EVERYONE on Team 8A and Team 7D for your service to the community!

Ms. Erin Chojnacki
8th Grade Language Arts Teacher

PTSA NEWS



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The North Harford Middle School PTSA Nominating Committee will soon be looking for officers and committee chairpersons for the 2017-2018 school year. Please consider chairing a committee or running for a position on the board. This isn't like elementary school where a position takes over your life. This is a kinder, gentler PTA experience and there are always lots of volunteers to help. Come to our next meeting and see for yourself!

We are also in need of a Treasurer to finish out this fiscal year (ends June 30, 2017). If you're interested, or not quite sure, email us at nhmsptsa@gmail.com and we'll give you more information.

**Join us for the next PTSA meeting:
Thursday, February 16
NHMS Front Office Conference Room
6:30 pm**

Your 2016-2017 NHMS PTSA Executive Board:

Kim Hackett, President

Carla Manzo, Vice President

Sandra Monaco-Burton, Secretary

PTA Mission Statement:

The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

2016-2017 Committee Chairpersons

Box Tops: Paula Mackey

Corporate Rebates: Lisa Fulco

Eighth Grade Activities: Kim Hackett/Carla Manzo

Environmental: Kristin Grabowski

The Falcon Crier: Michelle Schell

Faculty Basketball Game: Michelle Schell

Falcon Walk: Mark Lazoff

Hershey Park Tickets: Carla Manzo

Membership: Beth Bearinger

Reflections: Jennifer Bray

Spirit Wear: Julie Harvey

Staff Appreciation: VACANT

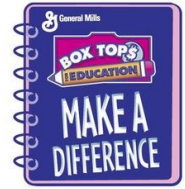
Volunteers: Michelle Schell

Website/Facebook: Carla Manzo

If you have questions regarding the PTSA, or specific questions for an officer or chairperson, please email nhmsptsa@gmail.com and it will be directed to the appropriate person for follow-up.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Another **Box Tops for Education Homeroom Contest** is coming **February 6th – February 17th!** Please continue to save Box Tops for Education. The NHMS PTSA receives 10 cents for every valid Box Top submitted to support NHMS programs.



Information on participating products can be found at www.boxtops4education.com or on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter. Please contact Paula Mackey at Paula.Mackey@hcps.org if you have any questions.

FACULTY BASKETBALL GAME

The **WICKMAN DREAM TEAM** will battle the **HOCKADAY ALLEY-OOPS** in the NHMS Faculty Basketball game on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). Tickets will be available for purchase during homeroom in March. There will be raffles and half-time games. NHMS PTSA members will receive a discount on tickets!



HERSHEY PARK TICKETS

The PTSA will again offer discounted Hershey Park tickets! Order forms will come home mid-February and will also be available in the Edline PTSA folder.

8TH GRADE DANCE

Mark your calendar 8th graders! The date for the dance is Friday, June 2nd! More information will come home soon.

8th grade parents

North Harford High School will host an orientation for the parents of 8th grade students on February 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM in their auditorium.

At the orientation, parents will learn about graduation requirements, course offerings, and the registration process. Additionally, there will be time for questions.

SPIRIT WEAR

NORTH HARFORD SOCKS NOW ON SALE! ONLY \$11.50 EACH OR 2 FOR \$20!



Name _____

Homeroom _____

Phone# _____

North Harford Crew Socks --- \$11.50 no tax or 2 for \$20!

CIRCLE Women Medium Qty(##) _____ Total _____

Large Qty(##) _____ Total _____

CIRCLE Men Medium Qty(##) _____ Total _____

Large Qty(##) _____ Total _____

TOTAL _____

NHMS Physical Education Intramurals: Indoor Soccer!

Thank you for your interest in our intramural program! In this program we emphasize sportsmanship and skill development through game play. Intramurals begin after school and end promptly at 3:30pm. In order for students to participate, they must be dressed properly for activity and have participated fully in physical education class that day. Children must be picked up promptly at 3:30pm. In addition to completing the permission form below, HCPS requires all parents to be familiar with the Concussion and Sudden Heart Attack policies. Please scan the QR code, or enter the web address below to learn about these policies.

If you have questions, please email our intramural director, Mr. Ron Sadtler: ronald.sadtler@hcps.org.

BOYS Indoor Soccer!

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
Feb 7th – Mar 9th



GIRLS Indoor Soccer!

Mondays & Wednesdays:
Feb 6th – Mar 8th

To read about the HCPS policy on Concussion and Sudden Heart Attack, please use this QR code or go to this website:

<http://bit.ly/form916>



_____ Student _____ Grade _____ Intramural Activity

Emergency Contacts. Please provide 2 Names & Phone #s to reach someone during intramurals:

1) _____

2) _____

Please list any medical concerns: _____

I give my child permission to participate in intramurals. I have read the documents: Concussion Screening and Sudden Heart Attack. I will pick up my child promptly at 3:30.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Date

General Information about the Disease

What is influenza (flu)?

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year.

It is estimated that every year in the United States, on average:

- 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu;
- more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications;
- 20,000 of those hospitalized are children younger than 5 years of age; and
- a range of 3,000 to 49,000 people die from flu.

Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), are at high risk for serious flu complications.

How does the flu spread?

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

What are the symptoms of the flu?

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| Symptoms of flu include: | •dry cough | •Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults |
| •fever (usually high) | •sore throat | |
| •headache | •runny or stuffy nose | |
| •extreme tiredness | •muscle aches | |

Although the term “stomach flu” is sometimes used to describe vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea, these illnesses are caused by certain other viruses, bacteria, or possibly parasites, and are rarely related to influenza.

How long is a person with flu virus contagious?

The period when an infected person is contagious depends on the age and health of the person. You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

What is the difference between a cold and the flu?

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations. Children or teenagers with flu-like symptoms should NOT take aspirin.

How can you tell the difference between a cold and the flu?

Because colds and flu share many symptoms, it can be difficult (or even impossible) to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Special tests that usually must be done within the first few days of illness can be carried out, when needed to tell if a person has the flu.

What can I do to protect myself against the flu?

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine protects against the main flu viruses that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season. (Three or four viruses, depending on which vaccine you get.) The vaccine can protect you from getting sick from these viruses or it can make your illness milder if you get a different flu virus.

You need a
yearbook!
(just sayin'...)

Yearbook Sale!

North Harford Middle School Yearbook ON SALE NOW!

It is time to order the 2016-2017 edition of The North Harford Middle School Yearbook! Our student-designed, perfect-bound yearbook will be filled cover to cover with color photographs of friends, special events, classes, activities and candid shots of all the events during the school year. You can purchase a yearbook for only \$25.00! Please complete the information on the order form and return to the office or homeroom teacher by APRIL 30, 2017. Make sure to get your order form in ASAP to reserve a book! You can also order online through the NHMS Edline page. This will be a yearbook you don't want to miss; preserve this year's memories for a lifetime by ordering your yearbook today!

Yearbooks will be delivered in the last week of school!

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Fill in this form completely and return it to your homeroom teacher with payment
by April 30th, 2017!

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom number: _____

\$25 check _____

\$25 cash _____

Any questions, please contact Mrs. White, Ms. Kelsall, or Ms. Landram.

Announcing the National Junior Honor Society

We are proud to announce that North Harford Middle school is now an official sponsor of a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible for membership, students must demonstrate scholarship by having a cumulative GPA of at least 3.667 on a 4.0 scale and have been in middle school for a minimum of one semester. If these requirements are met, they will receive a candidate form in their homeroom. To be accepted, students must also show evidence of leadership, citizenship, character and service and be willing to commit to both school wide and individual service projects. Applications will be reviewed in April and letters of acceptance will be sent out in early May. New members will be inducted at the end of May and will start their NJHS activities in September of the following year. Students who are not selected can use the year to gain leadership, service and citizenship experience and may reapply the next year.

While academic achievement is important, students need much more to be successful in all their future endeavors. Being a member of the NJHS benefits students by giving them an opportunity to serve their schools and community and to develop character and leadership skills. They can also begin to build a portfolio of achievements that can be featured on applications for colleges and careers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students at NHMS. Additional questions can be emailed to Ms. Cronauer at (dawn.cronauer@hcps.org).



National Junior Honor Society Activities

The National Junior Honor Society is up and running at North Harford Middle School. We meet after school about once a month. Our President is Rebecca Morris, Vice-President is Lily Macatee, Secretary is Cole Drumgoole, and Historian is Taylor Mason. Our officers help to run the meetings by leading discussions, recording minutes, and being committee leaders. Our members are involved in many activities.

Volunteering is an important part of the NJHS. During school hours, members are available to tutor other students of all grade levels in the morning during homeroom time. We help with homework, studying, math and organization under the direction of supervising teachers.

We have also volunteered at various PTSA events. Falcon Fanatics was an after school event for the sixth graders to have fun and make new friends. Members supervised games such as giant Scrabble, tic-tac-toe, giant foosball, Jenga, and much more! The kids came to the games and we explained the rules and made sure they followed them. All of the kids had lots of fun playing the games and bonding with friends, and all the volunteers seemed to have a good time also! Another event was Trunk or Treat at NHES. It was a very fun experience. Volunteers were put in charge of games such as limbo, ring toss, fishing, and more! As the kids were trunk or treating, they would pass us and ask to play a game. The games ran for about two hours and each child would get a prize of their choice no matter how they did. There was pizza, drinks, gourmet cupcakes, and even a parade. About 300 people attended and everyone had a great time!

During our monthly meetings, we have been working on various projects. The group decided that it would be a good service project to investigate ways to conserve energy at North Harford. To help us focus on some ideas, we had a guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Cassilly. Mr. Cassilly is the Resource Conservation Manager for HCPS. He gave a presentation about energy conservation in Harford County Public Schools. This gave us the idea to create an informative presentation for our PTSA to spread awareness about the importance of energy conservation in our county. We are also working on some ideas about how to conserve energy at NHMS. Since the NJHS is new at North Harford, another one of our committees is working on raising awareness about the NJHS as the application time approaches. Informative posters are being constructed and will be seen around the school shortly! Finally, the newsletter committee is working hard to keep everyone informed by publishing this article. The NJHS is working hard to serve our school and community and we look forward to updating you about our activities in the future.

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- Annie's® Shells & Real Aged Cheddar Macaroni & Cheese 6 oz. Box
- Annie's® Berry Patch Organic Bunny Fruit™ Snacks
- Annie's® Classic Macaroni & Cheese 6 oz. Box
- Annie's® Gluten Free Rice Pasta & Cheddar Macaroni & Cheese 6 oz. Box

CEREAL

- Honey Nut Cheerios Family Size Banded Pack
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch Family Size Banded Pack
- Honey Nut Cheerios Family Size
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch Family Size
- Lucky Charms Family Size
- Reese Puffs Family Size
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MEALS

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- Betty Crocker™ Beef Pasta Hamburger Helper™ — Twin Pack
- Betty Crocker® Lasagna Hamburger Helper® — Twin Pack
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- Progresso Traditional NE Clam Chowder
- Progresso Light Chicken Noodle
- Progresso Traditional Chicken Wild Rice
- Old El Paso™ Mini Flour Tortilla Taco Boats™
- Old El Paso™ Taco Boats™ Flour Tortillas 8 ct Pack
- Old El Paso™ Stand 'n Stuff™ Bold Nacho Cheese Flavored Taco Shells 10 ct Box
- Old El Paso Stand 'n Stuff Ranch Flavored Tacos
- Totinos Pizza Combination Party Pack
- Totinos Pizza Pepperoni, Party Pack
- Totinos Pizza Triple Cheese, Party Pack
- Totino's Party Pizzas Triple Meat
- Totinos Pizza Snacks Cheese 90 Count
- Totinos Pizza Snacks Pepperoni 90 Count
- Totinos Pizza Rolls Combination 90 Count
- Totinos Pizza Rolls Triple Meat 90 Count

SNACKS



- Nature Valley Granola Bars Crunchy, Oats 'n Honey, Value Pack
- Nature Valley Granola Bars Sweet & Salty Nut, Variety Pack
- Nature Valley Salted Caramel Nut Protein Chewy Bars
- Nature Valley™ Peanut Butter Dark Chocolate Protein Chewy Bars
- Nature Valley Granola Bars Crunchy, Oats 'N Honey 6 Count
- Nature Valley Granola Bars Sweet & Salty Nut, Almond 6 Count
- Nature Valley Granola Bars Sweet & Salty Nut, Cashew 6 Count
- Nature Valley Granola Bars Sweet & Salty Nut, Peanut 6 Count
- Nature Valley® Biscuits with Almond Butter 5 Count
- Nature Valley® Biscuits with Peanut Butter 5 Count
- Fiber One™ Key Lime Cheesecake Bars 5 Count
- Fiber One Chewy Bars Oats & Chocolate, Value Pack
- Fiber One Brownies 90 Calorie, Chocolate Fudge, Value Pack
- Fiber One™ 90 Calorie Lemon Bar Soft-Baked Bars 12 ct Box
- Fruit by the Foot Tie Die Fruit Snacks, Value Pack
- Mott's® Medleys Assorted Fruit Flavored Snacks 24 ct Box
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YOGURT

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- Yoplait® Original Strawberry/Mixed Berry Low Fat Yogurt Variety 8 Pack
- Yoplait® Original Strawberry Low Fat Yogurt 8 Pack
- Yoplait® Go-Gurt® Raspberry/Strawberry Banana Portable Low Fat Yogurt Variety 16 Pack
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- Yoplait® Go-Gurt® Berry/Strawberry Portable Low Fat Yogurt Variety 16 Pack

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DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

Return to School with Box Tops for Education! Box Tops for Education plays an important part in helping our students succeed. You can celebrate 20 years of Box Tops by helping us earn even more thanks to the Return-to-School Drawing.



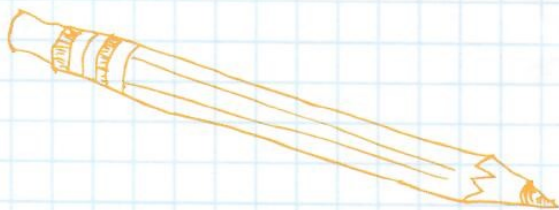
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THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT!



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